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Some Interesting Statistics

Among the more obscure but interesting features of our *Brothers Keeper* genealogy program is its ability to produce a variety of statistical reports. As of this writing, for example, we have over 10100 persons named Beach in our files, with approximately 5370 males and 4730 females. Of these, some 5200 belong to the line of John¹, 3200 to that of Thomas¹, and 1290 to that of Richard¹. Such figures seem to confirm the long-held view that, of those who belong to the New England Beach family, the greatest number descend from John¹, followed by Thomas¹, with Richard¹ a distant third [See footnote 1 on next page].

Why this is so becomes clear from the following table which presents each brother's descendants by generation [See footnote 2 on next page].

Generation	Richard	John	Thomas
1st	1	1	1
2nd	4	10	5
3rd	13	63	15
4th	52	155	93
5th	62	409	237
6th	110	1010	559
7th	317	1485	1095

As can be seen, the family of John Beach¹ got off to a quick start, with twice as many children as either of his brothers. Each of these, in turn, had an average of six

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children of their own, compared with an average of three for both Richard¹ and Thomas¹. Note, however, that these birth rates seem to shift in the fourth generation. For example, John¹ had less than three times the number of great-grandchildren as grandchildren ($155/63 = 2.4$) while Thomas¹ had six times as many ($93/15 = 6.2$) and Richard¹ had exactly four ($52/13 = 4.0$). Given his early "head start," however, John¹ still had a larger total number of great-grandchildren than his two brothers put together.

Such statistics assume, of course, that each brother's Beach descendants are known with reasonable accuracy. This is probably true for the first four or five generations, but is increasingly less likely thereafter. Looking at the seventh generation, for example, it seems the family of Thomas¹ is rapidly "catching up" with that of John¹. It may simply be, however, that we presently know more about these later descendants of Thomas¹. Were we to hereafter discover a previously undocumented line of either man, the figures might change dramatically.

Such uncertainty makes us reluctant to draw too many conclusions from these numbers. It would be a mistake, for example, to suggest one branch of the family was or is inherently more prolific than another. Even if all three brothers had had the same number of children initially, the early deaths of some and/or the failure to marry by others might still produce the same overall results. Moreover, our files only include the immediate children of Beach daughters; *not* their later non-Beach descendants. Were we to include *all* the descendants of the three New Haven brothers (whether surnamed Beach or not), the picture might well look much different.

Still, it is interesting to examine these raw numbers and wonder why each branch of the family grew (or failed to grow) as it did. Why is it that one line can become "extinct," with no descendants whatsoever [as is apparently the case with Joseph Beach³, Joseph², John¹] while another line starting in the same generation [such as Ephriam Beach³, Nathaniel², John¹, grandfather of Timothy⁵] can now boast hundreds of members? Such are the questions that arise when we look at genealogy as more than just a collection of names, dates and places.

Respectfully, Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

¹ The editors of the original *Beach Family Magazine* found a similar pattern. Thus, as of Feb 20, 1928, the files of Cora M. Beach held cards for 3700 descendants of John¹, 2750 descendants of Thomas¹ and 1000 descendants of Richard¹, *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 220.

² But note that the figures in this table include not only descendants named Beach, but also the non-Beach children of Beach daughters, since we likewise include them in our genealogy program.

³ Recall, for example, that the family of Timothy Beach⁵ was all but unknown to the previously published literature, yet Timothy⁵ alone accounts for 45 of the 1485 known descendants of John¹ in the seventh generation. If one assumes there are still more "early" Beaches out there whose descendants have yet to be identified, the totals for all three brothers in the later generations could increase significantly.

GLEANINGS

A column devoted to presenting short biographies, family lineages and other accounts of persons named BEACH as found in old local histories and other sources of limited availability. If your files contain items of this type please submit a photocopy or verbatim transcript, along with the author, title, publisher, date and place of publication and page references of the source where found.

The following is taken from *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society Collections*, Vol. 18, p. 274 (1892) [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

MRS. REUBEN CASTLE BEACH

{*Pontiac Gazette*, June 20, 1890}

Mrs. Reuben Castle Beach, one of the oldest residents of Troy [Michigan], died at her home June 17, 1890, aged eighty-five years.

She was born in Richmond, New York, and came to Michigan in 1820. She left Sackett's Harbor, October 1, 1820, embarked in "Walk-in-the-Water," the first steamer that plied lake Erie, and landed in Detroit the tenth, being ten days on the journey.

Mr. Davis, her father, took up the land from the general government, in Troy, which is the same farm on which she died. Living on the old place the entire time except eight years, when they moved on to another farm, known as the Geo. Gray farm, but subsequently returning to the old homestead. She was the daughter of Joshua and Rebecca Davis, natives of Connecticut, her father being an ocean sailor. In her death the Davis family has become extinct.

She had ten children, six girls and four boys, two sons and four girls living, viz: D. Porter and Danford Beach, and Mrs. Henry Going, of Pontiac; Mrs. H. H. Wilson, of Waterford; Mrs. Hiram Chatfield, of Troy; and Miss Celia, a maiden lady, living at home.

She espoused religion in 1824, when she united with the Presbyterian church by letter, at Birmingham, hold to her faith in a risen Savior to the last.

NOTE: This is Marietta Anna (Davis) Beach, wife of Reuben Castle Beach⁶, Michael⁵, Linus⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹. For more on this family, see the account we published on the ancestry and descendants of Reuben Castle Beach⁶ in Vol. VIII, No. 4, pp. 1228-1230. The "old place" mentioned as the family farm was located on what is now Beach Road in Troy, Oakland County, Michigan. Note that Marietta's sister, Lucy Davis, married Michael Beach⁶, Michael⁵, the older brother of Reuben Castle Beach⁶.

The following is taken from an unidentified Missouri newspaper, as posted to the BEACH-L@rootsweb.com mailing list by Cheryl Kenter, CKenter838@aol.com:

Beach Sentenced To Life In Prison Beach Pleaded Guilty To Killing 5 People

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- A judge sentenced Gary Beach Thursday to life in prison without parole. KMBC reported that Beach, 59, blamed mental illness and anger over his victims' drug use for killing five people in his Kansas City home in March and April 1999. Beach pleaded guilty to

five counts of first-degree murder in February. He admitted that in 1999 he shot his stepson, a roommate and three other men. Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed a judge would decide Beach's sentence. Many people in the courtroom wanted Beach sentenced to death, KMBC reported. After his sentence was read, someone in the courtroom shouted, "Gary Beach will die anyway."

NOTE: Since this information is already a matter of public record we see no harm in passing it along. For what it is worth we have been unable to establish this man's ancestry and would *not* publish it even if it were known to us.

The following is taken from an unidentified newspaper in LaGrange County, Indiana [possibly *The Standard*], as posted to the RootsWeb Beach message board on April 1, 2002, by Vickie Stewart, who adds she found the same behind an old picture.

FRANK BEACH

Frank Beach, whose death on the 20th inst was noted in *The Standard* last week, was born Dec. 19, 1850, on the Beach farm, now owned by J.W. Mills, three miles south of town. He helped develop this farm and afterward bought a farm in Clay township, west of LaGrange, where he lived until he moved to town a few months ago.

He was industrious, upright and a worthy citizen, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the order of Maccabees. He was married to Miss Susan A. Cherry, Nov. 6 1877, who survives him, also two children, Sidney Beach and Mrs. James Wigton. Three brothers and two sisters remain of the family - John Beach, Howard City, Mich.; William and Nicholas Beach, Billings, Okla.; Ellen Luchford, Denver, Col., and Mary Baxter, Guthrie, Okla.

The funeral services were held at the residence on the 23d, conducted by Rev. C. B. Wilcox.

Among those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. John Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Beach and son, Howard City, Mich.; William Beach, Nicholas Beach, Elmer Beach, of Billings, Okla.; Mrs. Sellers, of Wolcottville; Mrs. Ramsauer, of Sturgis; Mrs. Rider, of Cleveland; P.K. David, of Mansfield; Eugene Davis, H. Davis and S. Davis, of Shipshewana.

Mrs. Frank Beach and children thank the kind friends for their sympathy and assistance in the affliction through which they have passed.

NOTE: This man is the son of a Nicholas J. Beach, b.c. 1809 in New York, who appears on the 1850 Census for Johnson Township, LaGrange County, Indiana, page 18, living in the household of a Thomas B. Potter. The complete census abstract shows:

Thomas B. Potter	52	F(sic)	Farmer	Vermont
Elizabeth Potter	59	F		Vermont

NICHOLAS J. BEACH	41	M	Farmer	New York
ELIZA J. BEACH	36	F		Indiana
GEORGE P. BEACH	19	M	Farmer	New York
ISABEL BEACH	7	F		Wisconsin
CHAUNCY BEACH	6	M		Ohio
ELLEN BEACH	5	F		Ohio
WILLIAM BEACH	4	M		Ohio
MARY BEACH	2	F		Ohio

Since Frank Beach was already 6 months old at the time of this census, he was most likely born Dec 19, 1849, rather than Dec 19, 1850, as his obituary claims.

George P. Beach above might be a much younger brother of Nicholas, but is also just young enough to have been his son. On the other hand, George seems too old to be the child of Eliza J. Beach and the twelve year hiatus between his birth and that of Isabel suggests Nicholas may have married twice.

So far we have been unable to establish the ancestry of Nicholas J. Beach. Indeed, we have none of that name in our files on the New England family until the 20th century. We suspect, however, he is the same as the Nicholas J. Beach of Genesee County, New York, who was issued a patent for lands in Ionia County, Michigan, on Aug 1, 1837, *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. VIII, No. 3, p. 1199. This is consistent with the obituary's reference to son John Beach living at Howard City, Michigan, just northwest of Ionia. If anyone has any further information which might help us determine this family's lineage its submission would be most welcome.

ROOTS AND BRANCHES

We give this name to multi-generational lineages which either (i) supplement the accounts of "established lines" found in previously published references such as the *Beach Family Magazine*, or (ii) present information about other families whose ultimate ancestry has yet to be determined.

The Descendants Of SAMUEL BEACH Of Branch County, Michigan With Thoughts On His Likely Ancestry

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1. SAMUEL BEACH¹ - b. Dec 17, 1797, in Connecticut; d. Aug 8, 1850, at Branch County, Michigan; m. Mar --, 1817, Irene Lawrence, b. Oct 17, 1798; d. Apr 22, 1848. He lived for a time in the Genesee region of western New York before coming to Michigan; settling first in Washtenaw County, then moving to Branch County.

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2. SARAH LAWRENCE, b. May 7, 1819; d. Feb 16, 1888; m. Nov --, 1845, Benjamin B. Holcomb, b. Mar 24, 1819, at Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York; d. Feb 12, 1905, at Fremont, Indiana.
3. JAMES WILLIAM, b. Apr 5, 1821; d.c. May, 1883; m. Mar 11, 1844, Azubah B. Marvin, who d. 1895.
4. CEPHAS WASHBURN, b. Jan 20, 1823; d. Apr 5, 1889; m. Welthia Barr.
5. MARY LOUISA, b. May 9, 1825; d. Oct 16, 1859; m. Joseph H. Hall, b. Aug 24, 1824.
6. CHARLES HALL, below.
7. DELIA SOPHIA, b. Nov 13, 1829; m. Mar 10, 1860, J. H. Hall, b. Aug 24, 1824.
8. EMILY ELIZA, b. Dec 3, 1831; m. Jul 8, 1852, Calvin J. Mervin, b. Aug 10, 1829.
9. JOHN EDWARD, b. Apr 16, 1834; d. Jul 15, 1862.
10. SAMUEL AUSTIN, b. Feb 1, 1837; d. Feb 6, 1837.

11. FRANCIS HENRY, b. Aug 13, 1838; m. Martha Throup (sic - Thorpe?).
12. CATHERINE AUGUSTA, b. Oct 17, 1841; m. Feb 17, 1869, John L. Merrick, d. Mar 30, 1902.
6. CHARLES HALL BEACH² (Samuel¹) - b. Jul 3, 1827, at Genesee County, New York; d. Jul 11, 1890, at Tuscola County, Michigan; m. Jun 3, 1853, Martha Bryant, b. Dec 5, 1833 (but others say 1832 or 1835), at Russell, Ohio; d. Apr 30, 1900.

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13. ELVA, b. Dec 25, 1854; m. Almandot Mosher. Their children: (i) Alfonso Mosher, b. Sep 30, 1871; (ii) Charley Mosher, b. Sep 14, 1876; (iii) Clair Mosher, b. 1884; (iv) Ethel Mosher, b. Jan 2, 1888; (v) Edna Mosher, b. Jan 2, 1888; m. --- Rosebush; (vi) Hazel Mosher, b. Dec 177, 1890; (vii) Esther Mosher, b. Jul 17, 1896; (viii) Roy Elmer Mosher, b. Feb 28, 1898.
14. ADELLA, b. May 29, 1856; d. May 29, 1928; m. William Gardner, Jr., b. May 15, 1842, at Erie County, New York; d. 1915 at Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan. Their children: (i) Delos Gardner, b. Jun 29, 1874; (ii) Frank Gardner, b. Dec 17, 1880; (iii) Ray W. Gardner, b. Oct 28, 1883; (iv) Mattie Gardner, b. Mar 29, 1889.
15. ELMER, b. Dec 9, 1858; d. Jun 30, 1886.
16. ALICE IRENE, b. Jun 9, 1860; d. 1946.
17. ELIZABETH E., b. Jan 26, 1864; d. Nov 29, 1953; m. Chris Fox, b. 1853; d. 1937. Their children: (i) Edith Fox; (ii) Alfred Fox.
18. ORENA E., b. Oct 6, 1866; d. 1896; m. Tom Hartwell. Their children: (i) Willie Hartwell; (ii) Leda Hartwell; (iii) Mary Hartwell.
19. NELSON C., b. Jun 18, 1869.
20. MILAN CHARLES, below.
21. CARRIE, b. May 20, 1874; m. Bert Smith. Their children: (i) Ruth Smith; (ii) Robert Smith; (iii) Dorothy Smith.
19. MILAN CHARLES BEACH³ (Charles Hall², Samuel¹) - b. Jan 6, 1871; d. Dec 9, 1936; m. Francis Graham, b. Jun 27, 1876; d. Sep 9, 1949.

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22. LORA.
23. GRAHAM C., b. Mar 31, 1903; d. 1903.
24. GRACE B., b. Apr 9, 1904; d. 1999; m. Ralph Johnson, d. Jan 9, 1931. Their children: (i) Gerald Johnson; (ii) Bruce Johnson.
25. BERL ONERTA, b. Dec 29, 1906; m. Russell Cole. Their children: (i) Shirley Cole; (ii) Barbara Cole; (iii) Ruth Cole; (iv) Lynn Cole.
26. WILLIAM JOHN, below.
27. CLOIA MAY, b. May 25, 1913; m. Lester James Austin. Their children: (i) Robert Austin; (ii) James Austin; (iii) Ted Austin.
26. WILLIAM JOHN BEACH⁴ (Milan Charles³, Charles Hall², Samuel¹) - b. Jun 16, 1908; d. Jun 3, 1983; m. Hazel Swanson, d. Dec 13, 1931.

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28. WILLIAM, below.
29. BOBBY.
30. FREDERICK.
31. JOHN.
32. DARLENE.

28. WILLIAM BEACH⁵ (William John⁴, Milan Charles³, Charles Hall², Samuel¹) - m. Elaine Smith.

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33. CYNTHIA.

34. CURT.

35. CRAIG.

Appendix 1 - Samuel Beach Family Record

The following entries are written on a sheet of ruled paper. Most of the births and marriages appear to be in the same hand, while the deaths after 1889 seem to have been added latter. This suggests the document was originally prepared c. 1870-1885.

	Born	Married	Died
Samuel Beach	Dec. 18, 1797	Mar. 1817	Aug. 8, 1850
Irena Lawrence	Oct. 17, 1798	" "	Apr. 22, 1848
Sarah Lawrence B.	May 1, 1819	Nov. 2-, 1845	Feb. 16, 1888
Benjamin B. Holcomb	Mar. 27, 1819	" "	----
James William Beach	Apr. 5, 1821	Mar. 11, 1844	May, 1883
Azubah B. Marvin	----	" "	---- 1895
Cephas Washburn B.	Jan 20, 1823	Nov. 22, 1855	April 5, 1889
Welthia Barr	----	" "	----
Mary Louisa Beach	May 9, 1825	Sep. '48	Oct. 16, 1859
Joseph H. Hall	Aug. 24, 1824	" 27 "	
Charles Hall Beach	July 3, 1827	June --, 1853	July 10, 1890
Martha Bryant	[illegible]	" "	
Delia Sophia Beach	Nov. 13, 1829	Mar. 10, 1860	
J. H. Hall	Aug. 24, 1824	" "	
Emily Eliza Beach	Dec. 3, 1831	July 8, 1852	
Calvin J. Merwin	Aug. 10, 1829	" "	
John Edward Beach	Apr. 16, 1834	----	July 15, 1862
Samuel Austin "	Feb. 1, 1837	----	Feb. 6, 1837
Frances Henry "	Aug. 13, 1838	----	
Martha Throup	----		
Catharine Augusta B.	Oct. 17, 1841	Feb. 17, 1869	
John L. Merrick		" "	Mar. 30, 1902

Appendix 2 - Obituary of Martha (Bryant) Beach

The following clipping is dated May 4, 1900. The name of the paper is unknown, but we assume it was published in the "Thumb" region of Michigan.

Death of Mrs. Martha Beach

Mrs. Martha Beach died Monday evening, April 30th, 1900, aged 67 years, 4 months and 25 days.

Miss Martha Bryant was born Dec. 5th, 1832, in Russell, Ohio. She was married to Chas. Beach in June 3, 1853, and they came to this place in March, 1854, being the first family to settle in Akron township, the nearest neighbor being about eight miles away.

To this union nine children were born, seven of whom survive her. The children are Elva E. Mosher, of Wajhamega, Adella A. Gardner and Alice I. Hall, of Fairgrove, Elizabeth E. Fox, of this place, Nelson C., of Brabford, Milan C. and Carrie P., of Akron. Her husband died about ten years ago. She has also three sisters and one brother who survive her, the brother being R. S. Bryant of this place.

The deceased was a patient sufferer for nearly three years and the past sixteen weeks was confined to her bed. She has been a consistent member of the M. E. church ever since its organization here.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church Thursday at 10:00 o'clock. The church was draped with crepe and ribbons. Rev. Gordon preached the sermon and the remains were laid to rest in Brookside cemetery in Fairgrove township. C. B. Crawford, undertaker.

Appendix 3 - The Likely Ancestry Of Samuel Beach

We first addressed this family in our initial issue, Vol. I, No. 1, p. 6, where we reprinted a biography of Charles H. Beach found in H. R. Page & Co., *History of Tuscola and Bay Counties, Michigan*. See also: Vol. IV, No. 4, p. 585, which presents data on Samuel Beach's household from the 1850 Census for California Township, Branch County, Michigan. Based on these references we knew that Samuel Beach was b.c. 1797 in Connecticut. He initially removed to Genesee County, New York, but left for Michigan c. 1830; stopping briefly in Washtenaw County before finally settling in Branch County. Unfortunately, such information provided no real clue as to Samuel's ancestry. Among other handicaps, the 1850 Census only gives initials for his oldest sons, making it difficult to look for any naming patterns which might provide a lead. With the receipt of Ms. Conley's data, however, we now know the full names of all of Samuel's children. Of these, two are highly suggestive, i.e., sons Cephas Washburn Beach and Samuel Austin Beach, since they immediately call to mind Cephas Beach⁵, Zophar⁴, Samuel³, John², Thomas¹ whose wife was Candace Austin.

Per the *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. I, No. 4, p. 98, Cephas⁵ was born Jun 30, 1752. He married Candace Austin at East Hartland, Connecticut, on Jun 27, 1774, and was still living there as late as Feb 26, 1782, when the couple's six known children (Amelia, Anna, William, Candace, Cephas, Jr. and Orin) were all baptized. Shortly thereafter, however, Cephas⁵ headed for western New York, settling in Geneseo, Ontario (now Livingston) County, where he appears on the 1810 Census with 1 male over 45; 2 males 21-45; 3 males 16-20; 1 male 11-15; 1 female over 46; 1 female 21-45; and 1 female 16-20. This census is significant, since it suggests Cephas⁵ had more children than the six baptized in East Hartland in 1782. Note, in particular, the one male 11-15, i.e., born 1795-1800, whom we now suspect is Samuel Beach above, born Dec 18, 1797. If so, then Samuel Beach himself may well have been named for his paternal great-grandfather, Samuel³, while son James William Beach may have been named in honor of his brother, William⁶, Cephas⁵.

There are, to be sure, some "loose ends" we would like to tie up. For example, the biography of Charles H. Beach indicates Samuel was born in Genesee County, New York, while Cephas⁵

lived in what is now Livingston County, New York. This does not overly concern us, however, since it may result from understandable confusion between the name of the town of Geneseo, Genesee County *per se* and/or the phrase "Genesee country" which referred to the entire region.

We have also considered whether Samuel Beach might be the grandson, rather than son, of Cephas Beach⁵. After all, Cephas⁵ would have been 45 years old in 1797 and while the Candace (Austin) Beach's date of birth is unknown, she would have been probably at least 41 at the time (assuming she was age 18 at her marriage in 1774). Resolution of this question is hampered by the fact the dates of birth of Cephas' six known children are uncertain. Since all six were baptized the same day, there is no guarantee the order in which their names are listed in the baptismal record corresponds to their order of birth. For example, were William⁶ actually the first child of Cephas⁵ - rather than the third as the *Beach Family Magazine* entry would suggest - he could have been born as early as 1775; married at 21 in 1796; and had a son in late 1797. On the other hand, the fact the 1810 Census shows two males 21-45 in the household of Cephas⁵ suggests his oldest sons were still living in the parental home and the absence of any children under 10 suggests none had yet started families.

In summary, we feel reasonably confident that Samuel Beach of Branch County, Michigan, descends from Cephas Beach⁵, Zophar⁴, Samuel³, John², Thomas¹. Our suspicion is that he was the son of Cephas⁵, although we acknowledge the possibility he might instead be a grandson. Needless to say we would welcome any additional evidence which might confirm or refute our conclusions.

The Ancestry And Posterity Of LIBERTY P. BEACH⁶ **Of New York And Michigan**

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The *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 231, acknowledges the existence of Liberty Beach⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹, but gives only his supposed date of birth, i.e., January [actually June] 18, 1802. Other sources show that he came to Michigan in 1836, settling in Washtenaw County, See: *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society Collections*, Vol. 13, p. 281. He appears on the 1850 Census for Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, as a miller, age 48, born in Massachusetts, with a wife, Mary A., age 40, born in Vermont. Also living in the household are Liberty Beach, Jr., age 21; Helen Beach, age 18; Ira Beach, age 14; Roxanna Beach, age 15; Amanda Beach, age 10; Willard Beach, age 9; and Lora Beach, age 22; all of whom we previously believed were his children (with the possible exception of Lora, whom we felt might instead be a daughter-in-law).

Thanks to email correspondent Barbara Beach Saari, saari@comcast.net, however, we now have a photocopy of Liberty Beach's family Bible which both corrects and adds to our knowledge

of this family. Among other things, this Bible shows that Liberty Beach⁶ married twice and that several of the children shown on the 1850 Census were in fact those of his second wife by her prior marriage. Ms. Saari has also kindly shared with us two old letters written by Liberty's brother, Justice Beach⁶, which shed additional light on this family. We are accordingly pleased to present (i) the ancestry and descendants of Liberty⁶; (ii) a transcript of the Bible entries; and (iii) the text of the Justice Beach⁶ letter.

PART I - Ancestry and Descendants of Liberty P. Beach⁶

The Root

- i. JOHN BEACH¹ - of New Haven and Stratford, Connecticut; m. Mary ----. Their son:
- ii. THOMAS BEACH² (John¹) - of Wallingford, Connecticut; m. 2nd, Phebe Wilcoxon. Their son:
- iii. CALEB BEACH³ (Thomas², John¹) - of Goshen, Connecticut; m. 2nd, Margaret Thompson. Their son:
- iv. JOEL BEACH⁴ (Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - m. 2nd, Amy Johnson. Their son:
- v. HEZEKIAH BEACH⁵ (Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - of New Ashford, Massachusetts; m. ----. Their son:

The Branches

1. LIBERTY P. BEACH⁶ (Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jun 18, 1802, at New Ashford, Massachusetts; d. Jan 20, 1888, at Washtenaw County, Michigan; m. 1st, Dec 11, 1823, Hannah ----, b. Oct 16, 1803; d. Mar 7, 1846; m. 2nd, May 29, 1846, Mary A. Binne, widow(?) of ---- Norris, b. May 28, 1810. *The Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 231, errs in giving his month of birth as January. He settled first in New York, appearing on the 1830 Census for Hamilton, Madison County, but soon after removed to Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, where he appears on the 1850 Census.

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(By Hannah ----)

2. GEORGE H., below.
3. CLARISSA M., b. Jul 24, 1827; d. Dec 5, 1846.
4. LIBERTY P., JR., b. Feb 21, 1829; d. May 27, 1851.
5. CALEB J. (G?), b. Feb 18, 1831; d. Jul 22, 1833.
6. HANNAH A., b. Mar 31, 1833; d. Sep 27, 1833.
7. IRA O., b. Jan 17, 1836; d. Sep 6, 1866.
8. ALMEDA M., b. Dec 14, 1839.
9. MARY P., b. Dec 2, 1841.

(By Mary A. (Binne) Norris)

10. HELEN C. NORRIS, b. Aug 26, 1831. She was a child by her mother's first marriage, but is called "Helen Beach" on the 1850 Census for Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, suggesting she may have been adopted by her step-father.
11. ROXANA B. NORRIS, b. Jul 14, 1835. She was a child by her mother's first marriage, but is called "Roxana Beach" on the 1850 Census for Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, suggesting she may have been adopted by her step-father.
12. WILLARD R. NORRIS, b. Apr 11, 1841. He was a child by his mother's first marriage, but is called "Willard Beach" on the 1850 Census for Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, suggesting he may have been adopted by his step-father.
13. HARRIET ESTHER, b. Jun 23, 1847; d. Sep 14, 1849. She was the first child born to her father by his second marriage.

14. ADDA, b. Nov 15, 1850; d. Dec 15, 1850 (1890?)
2. GEORGE H. BEACH⁷ (Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Dec 22, 1824; m. Jun --, 1844, Betsey L. Culver.

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15. NEWTON, below.
15. NEWTON BEACH⁸ (George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. May --, 1849, in New York; d. 1917; m. Mar 24, 1875, Lilla Lawrence, b. Sep 27, 1856, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts; d.c. 1945-49. He was an early pioneer in Tuscola County, Michigan.

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16. NEWTON, believed to have died young since his brother Roy also bore Newton as a middle name.
17. ROY NEWTON, below.
18. HELEN, m. Bert VanGeisen. They resided in Ferndale, Michigan. Their children: (i) Joyce VanGeisen, m. Henry Sherman; (ii) Caroline VanGeisen, m. Thomas Miller; (iii) Thomas VanGeisen.
19. MAE, d.c. 1960, Ferndale, Michigan; never married.
20. MILTON BRUCE, below.
17. ROY NEWTON BEACH⁹ (Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Feb 4, 1876, at Medina, Tuscola County, Michigan; d. Dec 25, 1949; m. Jul 2, 1901, Emma Bourns, b. Mar 22, 1879, at Caro, Michigan; d. Jul 4, 1974. He was a carpenter and worked for ChrisCraft, finishing the interiors of yachts.

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21. MAURICE MILTON, below.
22. DOROTHY, b. 1906; d. 1907; bur. at Caro, Michigan.
23. KENNETH WINTON, below.
24. JOHN LAWRENCE, below.
25. BETTY LOU, b. Jun --, 1914, m. Fin Mogelgaard. Their children: (i) Lawrence Mogelgaard, b. 1942; d. 2000; (ii) Dean Mogelgaard, b. 1945.
26. ROBERT, d.c. 1950. He grew blind from diabetes and lived on the parental farm.
20. MILTON BRUCE BEACH⁹ (Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Oct 25, 1893; d. Nov 21, 1982; m. Francis Josephine Weist, b. May 23, 1888; d. Aug 24, 1956. He lived on a farm at Caro, Michigan.

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27. GEORGE, below.
28. DOROTHY, b. Feb 3, 1923; m. May 23, 1953, Ernest LeSeure who d. Sep 17, 1989. Their daughter: (i) Kathy Jo LeSeure, b. Jul 14, 1954.
29. MARJORIE, b. Jan 7, 1925; d. Nov 16, 1998. She never married but lived on the parental farm with her father until his death.
21. MAURICE MILTON BEACH¹⁰ (Roy Newton⁹, Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Apr 1, 1903, at Caro, Michigan; d. Jan 17, 1987; m. 1st, Ruth ----; m. 2nd, Stella ----. He enlisted in the Army and worked his way up through the ranks of the Air Corps, eventually retiring as a Brigadier General. He towed the first glider over Normandy during the D-Day Invasion, participated in the bombing of Dresden and helped resupply troops trapped at Bastogne.

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(By Ruth -----)

30. MAURINE, m. Harold Longstreth. Their children: (i) Nancy Longstreth; (ii) Carol Longstreth.
23. KENNETH WINTON BEACH¹⁰ (Roy Newton⁹, Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Oct 16, 1910, at Wayne County, Michigan; d. Dec 15, 1994, at West Branch, Michigan; m. Jun 12, 1937, at Detroit, Michigan, Alice Ruth Polkinghorne. He was a trust officer at Detroit Bank and Trust until World War II, when he joined the U.S. Army. He saw service in England and later in Nagoya, Japan, during the Korean conflict.

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31. BARBARA ALICE, b. Feb 27, 1941; m. 1st, David Alan Staver; m. 2nd, May 2, 1970, Michael Francis Saari. Children: (i) William Charles Staver, III, b. Aug 16, 1961; (ii) Michael Kent Staver; (iii) Matthew Stewart Saari, b. Nov 16, 1970; (iv) Katherine Anne Saari, b. May 21, 1978.
32. KENNETH MICHAEL, below.
24. JOHN LAWRENCE BEACH¹⁰ (Roy Newton⁹, Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Aug 20, 1912; d. Jan --, 1987; m. Elizabeth Perkins, b. May 24, 1917; d. Nov --, 2000. He was a tool and die maker.

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33. CAROL ANN, b. Dec 5, 1937; m. Richard Lee Compton, b. Jan 18, 1934. Their children: (i) Leanne K. Compton, b. May 5, 1960; (ii) Christopher Lee Compton, b. Aug 26, 1962; (iii) Brian Richard Compton, b. Mar 2, 1969.
34. KATHLEENELIZABETH, b. Jan 3, 1941; m. 1st, -----; m. 2nd, Kenneth Robert Lukowski, b. May 22, 1943. Children: (i) Debra Lee Buckner, b. Jul 11, 1960; (ii) Denise Ann Buckner, b. Feb 17, 1962; (iii) Thomas John Buckner, b. Jun 10, 1969.
35. KAREN JEAN, b. Feb 3, 1943; m. William Carroll Blake, b. Sep 9, 1942; d. 2000. Their children: (i) Tammy Lynn Blake, b. Oct 9, 1963; (ii) William Dennis Blake, b. Mar 10, 1967.
36. THOMAS JOHN, b. Mar 5, 1944; d. Nov --, 1986.
27. GEORGE BEACH¹⁰ (Milton Bruce⁹, Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Nov 5, 1920; m. Alice Roles.

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37. BRUCE GEORGE, b. Dec 3, 1946; twin to his brother Bryce William Beach.
38. BRYCE WILLIAM, b. Dec 3, 1946; twin to his brother Bruce George Beach.
39. JANE ELLEN, b. Jul 28, 1952; m. ----- Packard.
40. BRIAN EDWARD, b. Oct 18, 1955.
32. KENNETH MICHAEL BEACH¹¹ (Kenneth Winton¹⁰, Roy Newton⁹, Newton⁸, George H.⁷, Liberty P.⁶, Hezekiah⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jul 8, 1944, at Highland Park, Michigan; m. Sandra Pollard. He resides in Melbourne, Australia.

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41. CLARE.
42. VANESSA.

Part II - The Liberty P. Beach⁶ Family Bible

THE HOLY BIBLE
containing the Old and New Testaments, etc.

New York
Published by T. Mason & G. Lane,
For the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the Conference
Office, 200 Mulberry street
1837

Family Register

Births

Hannah Beach, Oct 16, 1803 [This is the first wife of Liberty P. Beach⁶. We doubt Beach was her maiden name since Betsey Culver, the wife of George⁷, is likewise called Betsey Beach in the "Marriages" section below.]

Liberty P. Beach, June 18, 1802
George H. Beach, Dec 22, 1824
Clarissa M. Beach, July 24, 1827
Liberty P. Beach, ^{Jnr.}, February 21, 1829
Caleb J. (G?) Beach, Feb. 18, 1831
Hannah A. Beach, March 31, 1833
Ira O. (U?) Beach, Jan 17, 1836
Almeda M. Beach, Dec 14, 1839
Mary P.(?) Beach, Dec 2, 1841
Harriet Esther, June twenty third, 1847
Adda Beach, November 15, 1850

Mary A. Binne, May 28, 1810 [This is Mary A. (Binne) Norris, the second wife of Liberty P. Beach⁶]

Helen C. Norris, August 26, 1831
Roxana B. Norris, July 14, 1835
Willard R. Norris, April 11, 1841
Helen C. Norris, 1831 [Duplicate entry]
Roxana B. Norris, 1835 [Duplicate entry]
Willard R. Norris, 1841 [Duplicate entry]

Marriages

Liberty P. Beach and Hannah Beach, December 11th, 1823 [See the note above re: Hannah's maiden name]

George Beach was married to Betsey Beach June the --, 1844

Liberty P. Beach to Mary A. Norris, May the 29th, 1846

Deaths

Caleb J. (G?) Beach, July 22, 1833
Hannah A. Beach, Sept 27, 1833
Hannah Beach, March 7th, 1846
Clarissa M. Beach, December 5th, 1846
Harriet Esther, Sept. 14, 1849
Liberty Beach, Jnr., May 27th, 1851

Addy Beach, December 15, 1850 (1890?)
Ira O. Beach, September 6th, 1866

Part III - Two Letters from Justice Beach⁶ to his brother, Liberty P. Beach⁶

Letter 1

Caledonia [New York], Dec 22, 1841

Dear Brother

Knowing that you are anxiously waiting for a line from me, I this evening begin first by saying that through the blessing of God, our heavenly father, we are all without exception enjoying good health although death has again visited our little settlement and John P____ is no more. He died suddenly at six o'clock having been sick only two weeks so sudden and unexpected we can hardly realize it is so. His funeral was attended yesterday, the 21st and whose lot it is to be next is known only to him who giveth life and taketh it again at his own will. Thus we find it is important so to live that we may be ready to go at his bidding which may God grant for Christs sake.

I received your first letter and was glad to learn that you got home safe and found your family so comfortable as you did. I should have answered your first letter at the time owing to my being so much hurried about my shop I neglected it for some time and then I cut my finger so I could not hold a pen. Then your letter came and I write answering both. Now you ask me to write all the news I can think of. I know of none of importance except what I mentioned above. I have got my shop up and hewn on the inside and chinked up no roof on it yet. Father [i.e., Hezekiah Beach⁵ - Ed.] is well and says that he is content. He has made one large meat tub 2 small ones and he has made three pair of lace boots 2 pr boots and fixed one pr as well as some mending in fact he is as busy as an old hen with one chicken.

William [presumably the son of Justice Beach⁶ - Ed.] has gone to Boston and going to school. We have had 5 raisings since you left and I have an invitation to another this week. We have had snow about 8 inches since the first of this month and all gone off about ten days. Fine weather. Norman [possibly another son of Justice⁶ - Ed.] says his price for his lot is 400 dollars cash down but thinks Mr. Baker had better call on David French Esq of Detroit as he has given him power of attorney to sell his lot, he is a man of large business and he can undoubtedly trade with him and turn in his horses and wagon and whatever bargain he can make with French he will undoubtedly stand to.

[unclear] is not as high as when you was here. [unclear] a hundred at 3.50, butter 15 cents, tallow 12 1/2 potatoes 25 and onions one dollar.

Deborah [possibly a daughter of Justice⁶ - Ed.] has returned to Henrietta and she started about the middle of October and in her room. They have moved into town, fourteen persons one man has built a house close by Mr Wooleys and two families expected every day one with six children the other four so you see if people keep moving in we shall soon have a school of our own and not send our children out of town.

Father sends his compliments and best wishes to all relatives and acquaintances tell them he has enjoyed excellent good health. He has been lame until a few days and now able to work he has just finished another pair of boots. I have written all the news of any importance and some that is not so no more.

I wish you might just ask your Postmaster why he should charge 12 1/2 cents for one letter and 18 3/4 cents for the other and both sent to the same office. I must close by sending our best respects to you all.

J.G. & H Beach

Letter 2

Caledonia June 12, 1842

Dear Brother and Sister

I now improve a few moments in writing so that you may know how we are at this time. We enjoy good health through the blessings of a kind providence. The rain is descending upon the earth today so as to prevent our attending meeting so Father requested me to write to you also (as I have just finished a letter to Lydia) for he wants to hear of how you are and how you all get along since he come from there. He is now doing well he got hurt about ten days ago in his lame hip and the rheumatism set from there and he was unable to get about for 3 or 4 days but is now quite well he has been able to work almost every day. Since he came here we have chopt about 13 acres and cleared it off and planted it to corn. Since the 20th of March he was making shingles and covering our shop and laying the floor 14 by 20 and making twenty five or thirty dollars for thousand. Father is contented here and says he enjoys himself as well as any place he has ever lived for aught he knows. He goes to Tylers to meeting and back again on the same day on foot but gets to tired for an old man. He has been down to Malcoms and back the same day but not often. He has so much to do he cannot find time to visit. He wishes you were out here as well situated as you are there for he thinks the land is better.

I have no particular news to inform you of at present in addition to what I have already mentioned. We want you to write soon. Thomas Lane and Chas Samuel Pool and Maniller has been here of late and made us a visit. Jones is preaching at Grass Lake. We directed Pool to your house and they agreed to go there and stay all night. Expect they did so. We shall look for you and Hannah out here this fall. Don't disappoint us in this thing. I wish you should go to Detroit this summer or fall. You should inquire the price of cable chain. If you can get it cheap enough so you could afford to pay for yourself and we'll run the rest of your pay. Just bring me about 10 1/2 feet of middling size for a wrapping chain and fetch it out here in the fall. I will try to pay you for it. I suppose it may be got from between fourteen to eighteen cents for pound. I do not want the largest size. I should think about one pound to pound and a quarter to foot.

Father wants me to let you know whether we are willing he should stay with us and whether we would rather he go back with you. We are willing he should live with us and choose he should if it should meet your mind that he shall. We have a good shop where he can work all weather and be comfortable. If you expect him to stay here where he now is he thinks he ought to have his bed and bedding. He says it is all he claims that he thinks is his since it is one that Mother left him he thinks that he wants it while he lives. If your willing he should stay here he wants you fetch it out here in the fall if you come. Write soon and let us know whether you should be able to come here or not. No more at present. From your unworthy brother and sister. Our best respects to all Liberty P. Beach.

J.S. & H Beach

NOTE: These two letters show how even seemingly "mundane" correspondence can provide important information about a family. For example, the repeated references to "Father" reveals that Hezekiah Beach⁵, Joel⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹, who was born Jul 19, 1768, was still alive and residing with son Justice⁶ at age 73. We also now know that

Justice⁶ lived to adulthood, married and apparently had issue. Finally, mention is also made in the second letter to Lydia, whom we take to be another of Hezekiah's children, Lydia Blanchard Beach⁶, showing that she too lived to adulthood. All of this is information we would not have but for these letters.

The Ancestry And Posterity Of CHAUNCY BEACH⁶ Of Vermont

From Data Submitted By
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The Root

- i. JOHN BEACH¹ - of New Haven and Stratford, Connecticut; m. Mary ----. Their son:
- ii. THOMAS BEACH² (John¹) - of Wallingford, Connecticut; m. 2nd, Phebe Wilcoxen. Their son:
- iii. GERSHOM BEACH³ (Thomas², John¹) - of Wallingford, Connecticut; m. Deliverance Howe. Their son:
- iv. AARON BEACH⁴ (Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - of Chittenden, Vermont; m. Esther Keeler.
- v. GERSHOM BEACH⁵ (Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - of Chittenden, Vermont; m. 2nd, Dorcas Keeler. Their son:

The Branches

1. CHAUNCY BEACH⁶ (Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Apr 16, 1795; m. Amy Woodruff.

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2. ICHABOD W., b. May 13, 1817, in Vermont. His middle name was likely "Woodruff" in honor of his mother's family. He is possibly the one who settled in Sanpete County, Utah, where he appears on the 1856 Utah State Census, together with an Ichabod Beach, Jr.
3. ELISHA W., below.
4. CHAUNCY, below.
3. ELISHA W. BEACH⁷ (Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b.c. 1818 in Vermont; m. Lucinda ----, b.c. 1820 in New York. His middle name was likely "Woodruff" in honor of his mother's family. He was a millwright and initially lived at Pierrepont, St. Lawrence County, New York, where he appears on the 1850 Census as "Elihu" Beach. He subsequently removed to Winona County, Minnesota, where he appears on the 1860 Census as a millwright, age 42, born in Vermont, with wife Lucinda, age 40, born in New York. The list of his children is possibly incomplete.

ISSUE:

5. CHARLES, b.c. 1845, in New York.
6. AZEL, b. Mar 21, 1847, in New York.
7. ALICE S., b. Feb 21, 1849, in Vermont.
8. GARDINER E., b.c. 1852, in New York.
9. ALLETEN (female), b.c. 1859 in Minnesota.
4. CHAUNCY BEACH⁷ (Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jul --, 1818 (but others say May --, 1818), at St. Lawrence County, New York; d. Dec 28, 1901 (but others say Dec 29, 1901), at

Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; bur. at Vincent Cemetery, Osborne County, Kansas; m. 1st, -----; m. 2nd, Elizabeth Nelson White, widow of James White, b.c. 1813 in Ireland; d. Jan 14, 1873, at North Star, Gratiot County, Michigan; bur. at Brady Cemetery, Gratiot County, Michigan. Chauncy Beach first moved to Ohio and thereafter lived for a time in Michigan where his wife died. He eventually settled in Kansas c. 1885.

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(By -----)

10. SARAH, b.c. 1844 in Ohio; m. William Crum, b.c. 1833 in Ohio. The couple appear on the 1870 and 1880 Censuses for Bloom, Wood County, Ohio. Known children: (i) Cassius C. Crum, b.c. 1872; (ii) Lenna C. a/k/a Linnis Crum, b.c. 1877.
11. CHARLES, below.

(By Elizabeth Nelson White)

12. ELISHA, below.
13. MOSES NELSON, below.
11. CHARLES BEACH⁸ (Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Mar --, 1846, at Columbus, Ohio; d. Dec 16, 1916, at Wainwright, Oklahoma; m. 1872, Ellen Armstrong, b. Jun --, 1838, in Indiana; d. Jan 12, 1917. He appears on the 1900 Census for Solomon, Saline County, Kansas, age 54, with wife Ellen, age 61. It is said he died from burns, although the precise circumstances of his death are unclear. He enlisted Sep 17, 1864, as a private in Co. G, 178th Ohio Infantry, and was mustered out May 24, 1865. His wife, Ellen Armstrong, was the daughter of Alameda Armstrong who, at age 92, was living in her son-in-law's household on the 1900 Census. There is evidence Ellen (Armstrong) Beach was a widow since one source calls her "Eleanor Almira Pitzer Beach," she was seven years older than her husband, and she was 34 years old at her marriage.

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14. JAMES R., b. Aug --, 1877, in Kansas.
12. ELISHA BEACH⁸ (Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. May 20, 1850, at Licking County, Ohio; d. Feb 10, 1932, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; m. Aug 15, 1872, Marguerite Lorena Sweatland, dau. of Lafayette and Lydia (Sower) Sweatland, b. Jun 12, 1854, at Seneca County, Ohio; d. Oct 22, 1928, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas. Both are bur. at Vincent Cemetery, Osborne County, Kansas. Elisha Beach appears on the 1880 Census for Gratiot County, Michigan, but removed to Kansas c. 1885, settling in Valley Township, Osborne County, where he stayed for two years. He thereafter removed to Waldo, Osborne County, Kansas, where he ran a hotel until its destruction by fire on Jan 12, 1908. He then moved to Luray, Osborne County, Kansas, where he ran a cafe. Some local Kansas histories call him simply "Lish" Beach; apparently a nickname for Elisha.

ISSUE:

15. GRANT.
16. ROBERT, b. Jan --, 1874, in Michigan.
17. AMY WOODRUFF, b. Dec 5, 1876, at Gratiot County, Michigan; d. Jul 8, 1968, at Redmond, Washington; m. May 6, 1900, at Osborne, Osborne County, Kansas, John Quincy Rigby, son of Joseph and Mary (Auchenbaugh) Rigby, b. Mar 7, 1875, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; d. Aug --, 1954, at Redmond, Washington. She was undoubtedly named for her paternal great-grandmother, Amy (Woodruff) Beach. Children: (i) Lillie Marie Rigby, b. Apr 23, 1908; (ii) Grant Rigby, b. Jun 8, 1903; (iii) Robert Ralph Rigby, b. Mar 15, 1905.
18. CHARLES, below.

19. CHAUNCY L., b. Nov 17, 1884, at North Star, Gratiot County, Michigan; d. Dec 6, 1957, at Osborne County, Kansas; m. 1941 Anna Christina Lantz who d. Jun 11, 1954, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas. He grew up near Waldo, Kansas, but settled in Luray where he operated a cafe. It is said he died in a traffic accident south of Osborne, Kansas, when his car collided with a stalled pickup truck. He married late in life and apparently had no children.
13. MOSES NELSON BEACH⁸ (Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Dec 14, 1851, at Columbia, Ohio; d. Feb 19, 1943, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; m. Dec 13, 1879, at Grand Center, Kansas, Alice Jane Tabler, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Weatherford) Tabler, b. Jun 29, 1862, at Decatur, Illinois; d. May 20, 1939, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas. Both are bur. at Vincent Cemetery, Osborne County, Kansas. His obituary was published in the *Luray (Kansas) Herald* for Feb 25, 1943. This indicates he moved to northern Ohio with his parents in 1860, then to Michigan in 1871, before settling in Osborne County, Kansas, c. 1880.

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20. LORENA MAUDE, b. Jan 22, 1881, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Dec 9, 1971, at Twin Falls, Idaho; m. Sep 26, 1904, at Osborne, Osborne County, Kansas, Nevin Guy Ruth, son of James and Mary (Knapp) Ruth, b. Jun 10, 1884, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Aug 27, 1957, at Twin Falls, Idaho. Children: (i) Nevin Wesley Ruth, b. Mar 16, 1907; (ii) Lela Dell Ruth, b. Jan 3, 1909; (iii) Orval Ruth, b. Apr 21, 1911.
21. WILLIAM ARTHUR a/k/a ARTHUR, b. Oct 14, 1882 (but others say 1883) at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Aug 2, 1884, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; bur. at Vincent Cemetery, Osborne County, Kansas.
22. JASPER D., b. Jul 8, 1884; d. May 6, 1963.
23. SYLVIA ADELINE, b. Mar 16, 1886; d. Nov 28, 1978; m. Sep 27, 1903, at Osborne, Osborne County, Kansas, Oscar Layton Trexler, son of Philip and Eliza (Woods) Trexler, b. Jul 6, 1881. Children: (i) Lillie Bell Trexler, b. Jan 22, 1906; d. Dec 31, 1972; (ii) Violet Velma Trexler, b. Mar 6, 1909; (iii) Thelma Irene Trexler, b. Feb 22, 1912.
24. WILBER L., below.
25. RAY, below.
26. ELMER, below.
27. WILFRED M., below.
28. JAY M., below.
29. EARL, below.
30. MAY, b. Apr --, 1900; d. Aug 6, 1900, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; bur. at Vincent Cemetery, Osborne County, Kansas.
31. CLYDE, below.
18. CHARLES BEACH⁹ (Elisha⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Dec 17, 1878, at Ithaca, Michigan; d. Dec 10, 1951, at Canon City, Colorado; m. Oct 25, 1905, at Osborne, Osborne County, Kansas, Agnes Hampl, dau. of Alexander and Agnes (Janecek) Hampl, b. Jan 21, 1884, at Cumming County, Nebraska; d. Nov 24, 1948, at Canon City, Colorado.

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32. ROBERT GRANT, below.
33. AMY ALBINA, b. Feb 8, 1909, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; m. May 17, 1930, at Hoisington, Kansas, Marion D. Hubbard, b. Aug 6, 1909, at Waldo, Kansas; d. Oct 30, 1971, at Guthrie, Oklahoma. The couple had no children.
34. HOWARD RALPH, below.
35. LORENA AGNES, b. Mar 20, 1918, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; m. Mar 29, 1938, at Lamar, Colorado, Donald L. Garrison, b. Aug 10, 1918, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; d. Jun 24, 1985, at

- Pueblo, Colorado. Their children: (i) Donald Dewayne Garrison, b. Jul 26, 1938; (ii) Shirley Ann Garrison, b. Sep 4, 1939; (iii) Jerold William Garrison, b. Mar 20, 1941; (iv) Judith Irene Garrison, b. Aug 7, 1942; (v) Larry Eugene Garrison, b. Aug 27, 1943; (vi) Daniel Leroy Garrison, b. Aug 21, 1944; (vii) Richard Garrison, b. Apr 25, 1956.
36. RUTH IRENE, b. Jun 18, 1921, at Leoti, Wichita County, Kansas; d. Jul 11, 1996, at Pueblo, Colorado; m. Jul 1, 1940, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas, Melvin Orval Kuder, son of Arthur and Edna (O'Neal) Kuder, b. Feb 4, 1919, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; d. May 13, 1983, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas. Melvin Kuder served as mayor of Tribune, Kansas, for several years. Their children: (i) Gloria Maxine Kuder, b. Jan 9, 1942, at Syracuse, Kansas; d. Feb 14, 1993, at Scott County, Kansas; (ii) Melvin Orval Kuder, Jr., b. Nov 12, 1944, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; (iii) Dennis Wayne Kuder, b. Mar 18, 1947, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas.
37. EVELYN JUNE, b. Oct 26, 1924, at Selkirk, Kansas; m. Aug 15, 1942, at Leoti, Kansas, John Alexander McPherson, son of Thomas and Velma (Graham) McPherson, b. Feb 29, 1916, at Lamar, Colorado; d. Mar 24, 1999, at Canon City, Colorado. Their children: (i) Terry Ruth McPherson, b. Feb 28, 1944; (ii) John Alexander McPherson, b. Oct 15, 1950.
38. CHARLES, JR., b. Apr 25, 1929, at Selkirk, Kansas; d. Nov 13, 1951, at Chong-Deng, Korea. He was a clerk for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at its Tribune, Kansas, depot but entered service in the U.S. Army in March, 1951. He was sent to Korea in August of that year and was wounded on Oct 3, 1951. He recovered at a hospital in Japan and was then sent back to the front on Nov 4, 1951, being killed in action nine days later.
24. WILBUR L. BEACH⁹ (Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jul 14, 1888; d. Aug 27, 1970, at Salina, Kansas; m. at Luray, Kansas, Olive Freeman.

ISSUE:

39. DALE.
40. TANADA, m. ----- Blane.
25. RAY BEACH⁹ (Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. 1889; d. Aug 22, 1926; m. Feb 26, 1920, at Osborne County, Kansas, Elizabeth Dorabelle Collicott, b. Feb 9, 1902, at Blue Springs, Nebraska; d. Aug 22, 1965, at Patton, California.

ISSUE:

41. EDGERRAY TODD, below.
26. ELMER BEACH⁹ (Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Oct --, 1891, in Kansas; m. Lena Ernest, b. 1895 in Kansas. He was living in the household of his brother-in-law, Nelvin Guy Ruth, on the 1920 Census for Elbert, Snell County, Colorado.

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42. AULDIN, b. 1912 in Kansas.
43. MARIE, b. 1916 in Kansas.
44. COLLEEN.
27. WILFRED M. BEACH⁹ (Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Dec 4, 1892, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Sep 22, 1949, at Wichita, Kansas, after being struck in the head by a piece of broken machinery; m. Ida Wave Buster, b. 1897 in Kansas.

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45. MARGOLA MAE, b.c. 1917. She reportedly married and had two children.

46. GERALDINE, b.c. 1919. She reportedly married and had at least two daughters.

28. JAY M. BEACH⁹ (Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Nov 17, 1894, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; m. Nellie Cruger.

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47. AMELIA.
48. JAY M., JR.
49. MARGARET.
50. GERALD.

29. EARL BEACH⁹ (Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Dec 9, 1896, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Apr 8, 1964, at Seattle, Washington; m. at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas, Orpha Lewis, b. 1900 in Kansas.

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51. LEWIS LEE.
52. WINIFRED, m. ----- Morrison.
53. CAROL.
54. VINTON.
55. DARRELL W., b. 1920 in Kansas.

32. ROBERT GRANT BEACH¹⁰ (Charles⁹, Elisha⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jan 27, 1907, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; d. Jan 11, 1990, at Pueblo, Colorado; bur. at Rocky Ford, Colorado; m. Jul 21, 1928, at Waldo, Kansas, Ruby Doyle Tabler, b. Mar 26, 1911, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Aug 8, 1977, at Pueblo, Colorado. He was a farm hand and met his wife while working on her father's ranch. After marriage he moved to Kiowa County, Colorado, and bought a farm on the Colorado/Kansas state line. He sold out in 1945/46 and eventually settled in Pueblo, Colorado, where he worked for CFI Steel.

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56. JACK DELVIS, below.
57. A'LOAH JEAN, b. Apr 29, 1932, at Horace, Kansas; m. Aug 19, 1949, at Raton, New Mexico, Gary Robert Montgomery, son of John and Viola (Day) Montgomery. He was a railroad telegrapher, agent and clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad. Their children: (i) Gary Lynn Montgomery, b. Oct 28, 1950, at Rocky Ford, Colorado; (ii) Daryll Douglas Montgomery, b. Jan 12, 1952, at Syracuse, Kansas.
58. KAY KARLENE, b. Mar 18, 1934, at Luray, Osborne County, Kansas; d. Dec 30, 1947, at Rocky Ford, Colorado.
59. WILLIAM DEANE, below.

34. HOWARD RALPH BEACH¹⁰ (Charles⁹, Elisha⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. May 17, 1914, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; d. Mar 29, 1985, at Pueblo, Colorado; m. Apr 18, 1942, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Maxine Kuder, dau. of Arthur and Edna (O'Neal) Kuder, b. May 12, 1921, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; d. Apr 23, 1983, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas. He was a barber in Tribune for many years and his obituary was published in the *Greeley County Republican* for Apr 4, 1985.

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60. RANDALL EDWARD, b. Jan 26, 1948, at Syracuse, Kansas; d. Sep 20, 1977, at Brighton, Colorado; bur. at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas.

61. REBECCA SUE, b. Aug 14, 1956, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas; m. Oct 16, 1982, at Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas, Eugene Gonzales, son of Jesus and Pilar (Granados) Gonzolas, b. Mar 29, 1951, at Bristol, Colorado. Their children: (i) Kacie Gonzales, b. Sep 14, 1985; (ii) Camron Randall Gonzales, b. Aug 1, 1988.
41. EDGARRAY TODD BEACH¹⁰ (Ray⁹, Moses Nelson⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - m. Alvera Cora Alber.

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62. RONALD.
63. LONALD.
64. LOIS.
65. JERRY.
66. BONNIE.
67. PATTY.
68. YVONNE.
56. JACK DELVIS BEACH¹¹ (Robert Grant¹⁰, Charles⁹, Elisha⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jul 25, 1929, at Lurray, Russell County, Kansas; d. Feb 14, 1985, at Englewood, California; bur. at Rocky Ford, Colorado; m. Oct 12, 1947, at Rocky Ford, Colorado, Thelma Nadine Majors, dau. of Leverl and Beulah (Harris) Majors, b. Oct 12, 1931, at Fairfield, Illinois. He was a master electrician and worked for Holly Sugar Co. at Huerford, Texas. He thereafter settled in Denver, Colorado, where he was an electrician for Gates Company.

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69. PATRICIA ANN, b. Sep 25, 1948, at LaJunta, Otero County, Colorado; m. 1st, Jun 24, 1967, at Englewood, Colorado, Timmie Scott Parker, son of Richard and Marjorie (Vigeon) Parker, b. Oct 21, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas; m. 2nd, Apr 15, 1989, Douglas Spencer James, b. Feb 5, 1946, at Glenridge, New Jersey. Children by first marriage: (i) Letitia Eileen Parker, b. Aug 4, 1968, at Denver, Colorado; (ii) Penny Annette Parker, b. Aug 14, 1970, at Denver, Colorado; (iii) Russell Scott Parker, b. Jun 22, 1975, at Westminster, Colorado.
70. SHERYL JO, b. Sep 11, 1950, at Pueblo, Colorado; m. Oct 8, 1976, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, William Durika, b. Jul 4, 1947, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania.
71. DOROTHY SUE, b. Jul 1, 1952, at LaJunta, Otero County, Colorado; m. Jun 20, 1970, at Englewood, Colorado, Merrill Kent Snover, son of Merrill and Evelyn (Wohl) Snover, b. Oct 12, 1942, at Hooper, Nebraska. Their children: (i) Bethany Jane Snover, b. Feb 6, 1973; (ii) Barbara Kay Snover, b. Oct 30, 1974; (iii) Brye Lee Snover, b. Dec 12, 1983; (iv) Makala Lin Snover, b. Jan 3, 1985.
58. WILLIAM DEANE BEACH¹¹ (Robert Grant¹⁰, Charles⁹, Elisha⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. Jul 4, 1937, at Sheridan Lake, Colorado; m. Oct 10, 1959, at Fowler, Colorado, Ella Moffitt, dau. of James and Bessie (Grisham) Moffitt, b. Jul 23, 1938, at Rocky Ford, Colorado. He worked as a telegrapher and agent for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1956 to 1961. He later moved to Pueblo, Colorado, where he worked for CFI Steel until 1983.

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72. JAMES ROBERT, below.
73. SANDRA KAY, b. Feb 29, 1964, at Rocky Ford, Colorado; m. Jun 7, 1987, at Denver, Colorado, Kenneth Charles Buren, son of Charles and Alice (Drinen) Buren, b. Nov 12, 1964, at St. Louis, Missouri. Their children: (i) Katherine Mae Buren, b. Dec 28, 1999, at St. Louis, Missouri.

72. JAMES ROBERT BEACH¹² (William Deane¹¹, Robert Grant¹⁰, Charles⁹, Elisha⁸, Chauncy⁷, Chauncy⁶, Gershom⁵, Aaron⁴, Gershom³, Thomas², John¹) - b. May 24, 1960, at Rocky Ford, Colorado; m. Aug 30, 1986, at Pueblo, Colorado, Sherri Lynn Paul, dau. of George Paul, b. Mar 29, 1963, at Denver, Colorado.

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74. ROBERT JAMES, b. Mar 16, 1988, at Pueblo, Colorado.
75. JEFFREY PAUL, b. May 5, 1992, at Pueblo, Colorado.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our thanks to email correspondent Robert Ruth for this information which adds considerably to the descendants of John Beach¹. We find it particularly interesting since we otherwise have relatively little data on Beach/Beech families who settled in the Plains and Rocky Mountain states.

REFERENCE:

Josiah Priest's *Stories Of The Early Settlers:*
The Original Account Of TIMOTHY BEACH⁵
As Told By His Grandson

Part I

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With An Introduction And Notes By Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

Introduction

We acknowledge having published numerous items over the years about Timothy Beach⁵, Joseph⁴, Ephraim³, Nathan², John¹, *See, e.g., Beach Family Journal*, Vol. III, No. 2, pp. 309-317; Vol. IV, No. 1, pp. 415-416; 443-444; Vol. VIII, No. 1, pp. 1123-1129. Our justification for so doing has been that, while the descendants of Timothy⁵ make up one of the largest branches of the New England Beach family (nearly 400 at last count, including several of our subscribers), he was all but ignored by the older authorities. Even so, it might seem "overkill" to devote still more space to this man. As we trust you will agree after reading this account, however, there was no way we could *not* publish it. Simply put, what follows is one of the most fascinating and exciting stories we have ever read about any Beach family member. Some of this information may be familiar, since it was used extensively by subsequent historians whose work we have previously reprinted. Much, however, should prove new.

Josiah a/k/a Joseph Priest was born Dec 9, 1788, at Unadilla, New York, the son of Joseph a/k/a Josiah Priest and Deborah Beach⁶, Timothy⁵. Beginning in the 1820's he published a regular stream of books and pamphlets on a wide range of topics, including theology, local history, archeology and anthropology. Several of these proved quite popular, such as *American Antiquities and Discoveries in the West* (Albany, 1833) which went through at least six editions and sold some 20,000 copies.¹ Yet another title - *Bible Defence of Slavery or the Origin, History and Fortunes of the Negro Race* - remains in print to this day [available at Amazon.com], albeit as a reference for historians of race relations. Needless to say, subsequent critics have not been kind to Priest's more "speculative" writings. On the other hand, his accounts of the early pioneers are generally regarded favorably since often based on the recollections of the participants themselves.

Such was apparently the case with *Stories Of The Early Settlers*. Although born several years after the death of Timothy Beach⁵, Priest would still have had ample opportunity to hear the tales of his grandfather's adventures from his mother, great-uncle Ebenezer Beach⁵ (with whom he apparently spent considerable time) and other living relatives with first or second-hand knowledge. And while we suspect that Priest's descent from his subject prompted him to portray Timothy⁵ in a favorable light, there is no reason to doubt the broad outlines of the stories which he tells. We accordingly take pleasure in reprinting this interesting yet hard-to-find reference and express our thanks to subscriber John H. Beach for its contribution. NOTE: As its extensive subtitle indicates, *Stories Of The Early Settlers* includes a number of narratives having little direct relevance to Beach family history and these have been omitted, since the Beach-related entries alone will take several issues to present.

Stories Of The Early Settlers In The Wilderness:

Embracing The Life Of Mrs. Priest²

Late Of Otsego County, N.Y., With Various And Interesting Accounts Of Others:

The First Raftsmen Of The Susquehannah:

A Short Account Of Brant, The British Indian Chief:

And Of The Massacre Of Wyoming.

By Josiah Priest,

Albany

Printed By J. Munsell, No. 58 State Street.

1837

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Stories Of Early Settlements: The Life of Mrs. Priest In The Woods Of The Susquehannah

¹ This 400 page tome was a self-described "exhibition of the evidence that an ancient population of partially civilized nations differing entirely from those of the present Indians peopled American many centuries before its discovery by Columbus," and claimed that these pre-historic Americans were descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel. This and similar writings by Priest are frequently cited by critics of Mormonism, who suggest Joseph Smith was acquainted with and influenced by Priest's theories.

² i.e., Deborah (Beach⁶) Priest, daughter of Timothy Beach⁵, Joseph⁴, Ephriam³, Nathaniel², John¹.

Stratford in the state of Connecticut was the place where the subject of *this* part of the book was born, in 1768. She was the eldest child of her parents, TIMOTHY and ABIGAIL BEACH. These and her immediate ancestors were of English origin, who in their day enjoyed character and wealth, such as was common to the middling class of society. Her father was a seafaring man, having command of a West-India trader,³ who till the time of the commencement of the Revolutionary war, had followed the seas; but having been shipwrecked several times, with the loss of all he had, and suffering exceedingly in various ways, among pirates, &c. he forsook the pursuit for others of a more safe character on dry land.

The subject of the story had scarcely entered her eighth year⁴, when the clangor of conflicting armies was heard afar, and from the field of battle there went up the smoke of blood, the price of liberty; renewing with augmented horrors the recent scenes of the French war⁵; it was the *Revolution*. The Colonies were roused, the foe must be repelled; the flag of the country must be sustained; the eagle that fluttered in its silken folds must be cherished, as it had but newly spread forth its wings, its eye had scarcely shot across these climes, the talons of its strength were now unfolding their incipient terrors, its scream of victory, destined to be heard in all lands, was then but feeble - *it should not die*.

A year and a half of this war had passed away, when her father [i.e., Timothy Beach⁵ - Ed.] became involved in an affair which had nearly forfeited his life, and ruined the prospects and happiness of his family. Of this occurrence we now proceed to give an account.

At the time when General Montgomery went to Canada, to aid in the reduction and capture of Quebec, a young lad whose parents lived in the neighborhood of her father, fled from his home and enlisted as a soldier in the army. The lad was wholly unused to hardship, having been tenderly brought up, and could not therefore, with any probability, be expected to sustain the toils of soldiery without prejudice to his health, if not to his life. At this juncture the bereaved parents, with lamentation and grief, besought Beach to follow after, and if possible to bring him back to his home. To this request he could but object, for if he should become an instrument of the boy's desertion, he would make himself liable to the vengeance of the military law of the country. But when he beheld the vehement earnestness of these parents, that he should undertake the recovery of their son, his prudence gave way, when he consented, though perils and dangers were to be the sure attendants of the enterprise [sic].⁶

³ We were previously unaware that Timothy Beach⁵ was a sea captain. As an aside, we have always found it curious that more early New England Beach men were not sailors. The only other we can recall is Thaddeus Beach⁵, Landa⁴, Thomas³, John², Thomas¹ who was both a soldier and sailor during the Revolution. Perhaps the "coarseness" of life at sea (e.g., the drinking, swearing, violence, etc.) held no great appeal to strict Puritans.

⁴ Since Deborah Beach⁶ was born in 1768, this places these events in early 1776, as subsequent references also show. Note that, as a child of eight, Deborah would be old enough to make her a reliable witness to what she saw and/or was told by her father about his adventures.

⁵ i.e., the French and Indian War or, as called in Europe, the Seven Years War.

⁶ As will be seen, Priest betrays no embarrassment or hesitation about describing what might fairly be called "unpatriotic" behavior on the part of Timothy Beach⁵, i.e., aiding an American soldier to desert. He is equally nonchalant when, in another part of the same work [not reprinted here] he tells how his own father, Joseph Priest, likewise came to desert. While this may not seem particularly "shocking" today, one wonders how such behavior was viewed in 1837, when the Revolution was still an event within living memory for many. Compare the way in which many Vietnam veterans today still regard Jane Fonda or other anti-war activists. While familial affection undoubtedly played a part in Priest's attitude toward such matters, we wonder if it also reflects the fact the Revolution was not as "popular" as it is so often now portrayed. In reality, only one-third of the colonists were active "Patriots," one-third remained sympathetic to Britain [including a number of Beach "Torys"], and one-third were largely indifferent.

After a wearisome journey of several days, through deep snow, as it was in the month of March⁷, and the way, a great part of it, through a new country, passing up the Connecticut river, through Vermont, New-Hampshire and a part of Maine, he came up with the army at a place where it had encamped in the edge of Canada, not far from Quebec. Here he found the boy, but worn down with fatigue, discouraged and forlorn, longing to return to his parents, - deeply deploring his folly in leaving his home. At a convenient opportunity, Beach acquainted the lad with the purpose of his journey, who embraced it with joy unfeigned. They had waited but a short time after their measures were concerted, when an opportunity to escape presented. There were two others who had also determined to desert, making in all four in number. They now, under cover of the night, committed themselves to the deep bosom of an unknown wilderness, for the purpose of eluding pursuit. They took with them their guns, amunition, some provisions in their packs, a camp kettle for cooking purposes, hatchets, blankets, &c. The course they wished to pursue was the track which Arnold, of infamous memory, and his gallent band of about one thousand men had made through the wilds of a part of the state of Maine, leading to Canada, the autumn before, from Boston, to aid in the reduction of Canada. This was the route Beach meant to have followed, so far as should suit the course he wished to pursue. But in this he failed, as the way [begin p. 5] or path of Arnold had by that time become obscured by fallen trees, and the depth of the snow; so that they were soon lost in the boundless woods. They however, were compelled to pursue the horrid journey, as they dared not return to the army, on which account they plunged farther and still farther into the interminable forests, without a guide or a compass, not knowing what would become of them, or where they should finally arrive. But notwithstanding, they felt a tolerable assurance they they should not perish with hunger; as they had with them guns, they could procure food from the wild game of the woods, the deer, partridges and hares, which might fall in their way, till they should come out at some inhabited place.⁸

It was early in April when they entered the unknown forests of the northern part of the State of Maine. The snow was deep, especially there among those northern mountains, where it lies sometimes till late in the month of May. At that season of the year they were liable to another difficulty besides the depth of the snow, which they would not have been exposed to if it had been in the heart of February, or the month of August; which was, the thaws of that season of the year, occasioned by frequent rains, softening the snow to that degree that it could not bear them; consequently at almost every step they sunk to the knees and waists in its depths. Besides this, the small brooks and rills which are very numerous in that mountainous country, forming the head waters of many a stream passing down through the state of Maine to the sea, began to swell and rush from the mountains to the lower grounds. These, however deep and rapid, they were compelled to wade, while the ice and snow thickened the waters. Consequently, they were continually wet, both night and day. In this situation they were compelled to sleep, wherever night overtook them, scraping away the snow in the midst of some thicket of hemlocks, spreading beneath them the boughs of the trees, when they had built a fire of such dry wood as the surrounding wilderness afforded. At length they hit upon a stream, which however was too large to be waded, and empties into the Andriscooggin river, near its head, in the now county of Oxford, a wild and still unsettled region in its northern parts. This creek they followed down till it united with the Andriscooggin: judging very properly, that if they should follow the course of the river, they should ere long arrive at some settlement before they reached the sea.⁹

⁷ Montgomery's campaign began in the fall of 1775, so this again dates Timothy's adventure as taking place in early 1776.

⁸ While we do not question Priest's veracity, we still find it hard to understand how a former sea captain, surely familiar with navigation by sun, moon and stars, could ever become truly "lost." Rather, we suspect Timothy Beach⁵ was forced to take a more difficult route home to avoid detection.

⁹ Readers may find it interesting to use these and other references to trace Timothy Beach's journey on a modern map. As noted previously, he found the army camped "in the edge of Canada, not far from Quebec" and from thence appears to have headed more or less due south, across the Blue Mountains into Oxford County, Maine. Despite Priest's description of this as "the northern part of the State of Maine," the route described appears to run through the southwest part of that state, more or less parallel to the New Hampshire border.

At sight of this stream they instantly hit upon the expedient of building a raft, sufficiently large to bear themselves and baggage. This they soon constructed of dry logs, which they found in abundance along the shore, laying them side by side, fastened together by poles, passing crosswise, tied down with withs, made of the beach [sic] and hickory saplins. Thus prepared, they launched away upon the unknown stream, highly gratified with a mode of travelling which promised both a speedier [sic] and an easier way than to wade through deep snows, brooks and perpetual forests. It proved a rapid stream, which hurried them on at a great rate. They had not, however, proceeded many hours, steering the raft with poles, when they perceived themselves swept along at an increased velocity, the cause of which they were not then able to ascertain. But it was not long before they could distinctly hear the roar of a cataract below them; but whether it proceeded from water rushing down the mountains, or from falls in the Andriscoggin, they knew not. But this subject was soon cleared up, for on coming round a point of woods, occasioned by a short bend in the stream, they saw in full view, and not many rods distant, that the Andriscoggin, in which they were, was precipitated down a ledge of rocks.¹⁰ They saw themselves already in the awful suck of the falls, the water furious in its descent, rejoicing in its own uproar and confusion. No possible way of escape presented itself, till just when eternity was about to open to their view its dreaded mysteries, a tree which grew on the bank had fallen exactly out into the stream, maintaining its position by the strong hold its roots still had of the bank. Into the top of this tree they all instantly sprang, holding fast to its boughs with all the energy that mingled hope and despair could inspire, while the current in its fury straightened out their legs on its surface, as if anxious to hurl them down to the abyss below. But they succeeded in maintaining their hold, and of finally reaching the show, by crawling [begin p. 6] along on the body of the tree; rejoicing, though wet, and terribly frightened. They were happy for a moment that they had escaped death, which but an instant before was ready to destroy them in its dreary cave. The raft, upon which had been placed all their provisions, arms and amunition, tools and clothing, went down the cataract. One gun, a powderhorn, and the great coat of her father, which he had on, was all that was saved. The gun and powderhorn he had thrown on shore a moment before springing into the top of the tree. This gun and the amunition, with the bullets which they had in their pockets, was now their all of early support and dependance. Though the powder had been a little wet by throwing it ashore, yet this evil they soon contrived to remedy, by spreading it on the crown of a hat, so as to dry it in the sun. This expedient would have succeeded in preventing many a pang of sorrow and of anguish, had not one of their number unluckily, in snapping the gun too near the hat, set fire to a grain of the powder, when the whole instantly flashed, and with it disappeared their last hope.

To construct another raft was now impossible, as their hatchets lay at the bottom of the gulf. But her father being naturally of a cheerful spirit, encouraged his companions in trouble, by telling them, that to give themselves up to despair could bring them no relief, and that the best way was, while strength yet remained, to pursue the course of the Andriscoggin, and if possible reach some settlement before starvation should finish its work. Hope, that seldom forsakes the human breast, now quickened them to new exertions. They set forward with hasty steps, over vales and mountains, untrodden by the foot of man; but hunger and weariness at length began to paralyse their progress. But as they went on, toward night on a certain day, they had just as it became dark, scrambled up a steep ascent, and coming to its top concluded to encamp, as it was now too dark to proceed further. But in the morning, what was their surprise to find that two or three rods more in the direction they were going, would have precipitated them down a ledge of rocks several hundred feet, which overhung the small river, whose stream they were pursuing.

The buds and barks of trees, as those of the birch and basswood, with the wintergreen, which they sometimes found on the sunny side of the hills, furnished their only relief, but afforded a small defence against the all-conquering power of unsatisfied appetite. The lad who had been the cause of this disastrous adventure, more than the others, began to fail of his strength, as several days had now transpired. His limbs soon became no longer able to perform their offices, he wept and complained of dizziness in his head; his eyes wandered, the symptoms of starvation were upon him, and appeared to be the vortex toward which they were rapidly hastening. They were now compelled to uphold the young man by walking one on either side of him, as he could no longer stand alone.

¹⁰ There are apparently a number of falls and rapids on the Andriscoggin such that we are not able to tell precisely where this episode occurred, although those better acquainted with Maine's geography may recognize other landmarks which fix the location.

His feeble wailings were grievous to hear, while the images of loved objects at home, parents, brothers, sisters, and the blest comforts of life, danced before his confused imagination, but never more to be tasted, leaving, as they flitted across the naked memory, pangs of unsatisfied desire.

Their situation had now become desperate; but to Beach they looked with intense eagerness, as he was the leader of the party, for further counsel. He now proposed that himself and one more, who were the two least affected by famine, should seek a convenient tree, with a hollow on one side of it, where they could place the boy, and leaving one of their number with him, the two most able were to go on, and if possible find the habitations of man.

They found a tree, such as suited their views, where they placed him, and wrapping the great coat of her father about him, they left him in charge of one of their number, while they consoled him with promises of soon returning with something to eat, and that he should yet see his parents. It was in the morning, after having spent the night in the best manner they could, amidst a thicket situated under a large rock, without fire to warm themselves, that they started off, considering it the *last* effort which their strength was capable of performing, to save themselves from perishing in the wilderness. They travelled that day, following the river, with all their might, till the sun had gone down, but no habitation as [begin p. 7] yet blest their sight. Yet they still pressed forward; when soon, to their unspeakable joy, just as the twilight was fading into darkness, a cleared field opened suddenly to their view, at one end of which they perceived a small log barn; but there was no house in sight, nor sound of human voice. Into this barn they gladly made their way, when still *more* fortunate, they found it filled with rye in the sheaf, upon which they seized with rapacity, rubbing the heads in their hands, and blowing away the chaff from the kernels of the grain which they ate, till in a measure they found their hunger assuaged.

They now lay down in the straw, which to them was a bed of down, having slept on nothing better than hemlock boughs spread on the ground amidst the snow, which served also as their only covering during fourteen days and nights, the time since they had left the camp, where they found the boy. It was the sixth day from their setting out when they lost their raft, during which the barks and buds of the trees and wintergreens had been their only support, as before stated.

But as soon as day-light appeared, they crawled from their lair in the straw, to look about, not doubting but inhabitants must be near. They were not long ere they discovered the path which led off from the barn. This they followed, but had proceeded not above half a mile through the woods, when they heard the yelling of dogs, who had scented them. This showed that they had found the dwellings of man. But there was *one* house only, and no other except at a great distance down the river. The owner of this was a man of considerable property, but had removed from the settled parts of the state of Maine near the sea, to avoid having anything to do in the war, and had therefore hidden himself in this sequestered spot, far from the haunts and skirmishing parties of either side of the question.

At this house they were kindly received, their perishing condition redressed, their minds and bodies comforted with food, with fire and sleep. But on coming to this house, they immediately related the fearful situation in which they had left the other two, the poor lad especially. Wherefore it was instantly resolved that every exertion should be made to save them. Accordingly, in a few minutes three stout men, well armed and with provisions, set out to rescue them, following back the track of the other two who had just come in. They now rushed on with all possible haste, animated in the highest degree with such feelings as benevolence inspired, their dogs following in their track. But when they had proceeded [sic] about half the distance to where the two had been left, when they met the man with whom the boy had been entrusted, nearly expiring with fatigue and hunger. He could scarcely walk from weakness, and as he groped his way he moaned and cried as a child would have done in a similar situation. This man they now fed sparingly, gave him a small sip of rum, which they had taken with them, and left him to pursue his way to the land of the living. They had, however, questioned him in the meantime respecting the boy with whom he had been left, to which he replied that he was alive when he saw him last, and lay where he had been left, by the side of the tree. They now hastened on to save if possible the life of the wretched and forsaken youth. The man who had been left with him, it appeared, had very soon deserted the fainting child, in hopes of saving his own life, in which he succeeded, travelling all night as well as he could, following the tracks of the others in the snow.¹¹

In the afternoon of the same say, they reached the place where was left the object of their solicitude, who they saw at a distance, stretched full length at the foot of the tree. Their hearts beat with alarm, when they saw he did not move at the noise of their approach among the brush and snow. But on coming quite up to him, and stooping down, they found him dead. His spirit had departed - he had finished his journey alone. Here in the horrid shades of an unfrequented wood, beneath the same tree where Beach had left him, with the hope of saving his life, they dug his grave with sticks as well as they could, and buried him there in his clothes as he was, with the great coat for his shroud. This operation took them till night, when they struck a fire from the flint of one of the [begin p. 8] guns, and gathered wood from the fallen and dry trees, where they remained till morning.

Thus ends the history of that unfortunate boy, JOHN HALL, whose most miserable end was the result of acting independent of parental advice and authority, the beaten road of thousands to an early grave.¹²

From this place her father, after remaining two weeks to restore in some measure his emaciated frame, returned to Weston, to bear the heavy tidings of the death of the lad to his parents, and to the bosom of his own anxious family.

We plan to present the next installment of Priest's narrative - entitled "Imprisonment and Trial of Her Father by the Whig Court" - in the Winter, 2002, issue.

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JOHN BEACH, *Chemung County, Dix, Page 51, Dwelling No. 808, Family No. 820*

BEACH,	JOHN	44	M	Merchant	New York
"	SARAH A.	28	F		New York

NOTE: This is John Beach⁷, Isaac⁶, Isaac⁵, William⁴, Nathan³, Thomas², John¹, b. Aug 27, 1805; d. Sep 1, 1859; m. Sarah Ann ----, said to be a widow whose prior married name was "Southern" or "Southwick." The couple had no children. Note that the original census roll gives two sets of dwelling and family numbers for each family on this page; the second set for this man being Dwelling 549 and Family 551.

¹¹ Priest seems remarkably tolerant of - and comes close to apologizing for - the conduct of this "double deserter" (i.e., once from the army and again from his place beside the boy). This cannot be out of any familial loyalty toward Timothy Beach⁵ who, after all, had fulfilled his quest to find aide and was even then recovering from his own ordeal back at the settler's cabin.

¹² Having largely withheld judgment on the conduct of the various participants throughout his narrative, Priest's attempt to turn it into a "morality play" in the penultimate paragraph strikes us as disingenious. For one thing, it is not at all clear John Hall bears the ultimate responsibility for his fate which Priest assigns to him. While Hall was "worn down with fatigue, discouraged and forlorn" in the Army, he was nevertheless alive, with access to food, clothing and medical care. Under the circumstances it might just as easily be argued that his parents' insistence on fetching him home, to which Timothy Beach⁵ unwisely assented, was as much or more to blame for Hall's fate as his original decision to enlist.

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JOHN BEACH, *Chemung County, Dix, Page 276, Dwelling No. 1134, Family No. 1212*

Goodspeed,	A.	41	M	Lumberman	Massachusetts
Goodspeed,	Betsalomia	36	F		New York

BEACH,	JOHN	15	M	Lumberman	Unknown

NOTE: Despite his name and common place of residence, this boy was *not* the son of John Beach⁷, Isaac⁶ above who, as noted, had no children.

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On The 1850 Census Of Chenango County, New York

Abstracted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

ALANSON BEACH, *Chenango County, Sherburne, Page 242, Dwelling No. 1515, Family No. 1528*

BEACH,	ALANSON	45	M	Blacksmith	Massachusetts
"	LUCINDA	42	F		New York
"	EUNICE	19	F		New York
"	CHARLES H.	18	M	Blacksmith	New York
"	MARY L.	16	F		New York
"	HARRY O.	10	M		New York
"	LESTER G.	5	M		New York
"	ELIZABETH M.	1	F		New York
Lewis,	Eunice	72	F		Connecticut

NOTE: Given his occupation, age and residence, we believe this man is the brother of AMOS BEACH and son of WILLIAM BEACH below. Eunice Lewis is probably the mother of LUCINDA BEACH, from who daughter EUNICE BEACH was named.

AMOS BEACH, *Chenango County, Sherburne, Page 259, Dwelling No. 1800, Family No. 1816 [Sic - actually 1916]*

BEACH,	AMOS	42	M	Blacksmith	New York
"	MARY A.	37	F		New York
"	MARY A.	19	F		New York
"	ANNA M.	17	F		New York
"	MIRANDA E.	14	F		New York
"	FREDERICK A.	9	M		New York
"	IVY A.	5	F		New York
"	LAFAYETTE	6/12	M		New York

NOTE: Given his occupation, age and residence, we believe this man is the brother of ALANSON BEACH above and son of WILLIAM BEACH below. Note that the family number on the original census roll is off by 100, as a comparison with the family number for WILLIAM BEACH will show.

ANN M. BEACH, *Chenango County, Sherburne, Page 257, Dwelling No. 1763, Family No. 1778*

Harris,	Dexter	52	M	Inn Keeper	Rhode Island
Harris,	Amy	50	F		New York

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BEACH,	ANN M.	16	F		New York
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NOTE: She was one of several residents of Mr. Harris' "hotel;" probably working as hired help rather than guests.

ASA BEACH, *Chenango County, Pitcher, Page 89, Dwelling No. 1429, Family No. 1469*

BEACH,	ASA	63	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	ARULIA	62	F		Connecticut
"	MARY R.	31	F		New York
"	RACHEL	88	F		Connecticut

NOTE: This is Asa Beach⁶, Curtis⁵, Agur⁴, Daniel³, Nathaniel², John¹, b. Sep 14, 1787; d. 1865; m. Emelia Fenton. MARY R. is their youngest, daughter, Mary Rachel Beach⁷. We have a note she married Frederick Eldridge, but if so it was obviously late in life. RACHEL BEACH, age 88, is Asa's mother, Rachel (Hawley) Beach. Some suggest she was born in 1769, but this census and other evidence suggest c. 1762.

DAVIS BEACH, *Chenango County, Greene, Page 339, Dwelling No. 391, Family No. 419*

BEACH,	DAVIS	26	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	J. E. (I. E.?)	23	F		Connecticut
"	MELVILLE	3	M		Connecticut

EUNICE BEACH, *Chenango County, Sherburne, Page 236, Dwelling No. 1416, Family No. 1429*

Shipman,	Alva	26	M	Shoemaker	New York
Shipman,	Harriet	24	F		New York

BEACH,	EUNICE	17	F		New York

NOTE: She was one of several persons living in the Shipman household, including other shoemakers.

HARY BEECHE, *Chenango County, Coventry, Page 364, Dwelling No. 797, Family No. 819*

BEECHE,	HARY	29	M	Farmer	New York
"	P. M.	40	F		New York
Watrous,	Iesoin(?)	5/12	M		New York
Wright,	Augustus	17	M	Farmer	New York
Wright,	George	15	M	Farmer	New York
Littlebridge,	Jerome	4	M		New York

NOTE: Assuming P.M. BEECHE is the wife of HARY, the difference in their ages, plus the presence of the Watrous infant, suggests she may have been an expectant widow at the time of her marriage.

HENRY C. BEACH, *Chenango County, Lincklaen, Page 66, Dwelling No. 1047, Family No. 1080*

BEACH,	HENRY C.	39	M	Farmer	New York
"	LYDIA	37	F		New York
"	SILESTA	18	F		New York
"	HIRAM	16	M	Farmer	New York

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"	CORNELIA	14	F		New York
"	CYNTHIA	9	F		New York
"	FINETTA	6	F		New York
"	PHEBE	5/12	F		New York

NOTE: At the risk of seeming irreverent, we wonder if this couple meant the name of daughter "Finetta" to be taken literally in the sense of "finished" or "the end" [from the Latin *finis*]? If so, what did they make of the arrival of daughter Phebe some 5 1/2 years later?

JAMES BEACH, *Chenango County, Pharsalia, Page 268, Dwelling Nos. 2107 -08; Family Nos. 2148-49*

BEACH,	JAMES	49	M	Farmer	New York
"	WELTHY	45	F		New York
"	MALINDA	19	F		New York
"	SYBIL A.	13	F		New York
BEACH,	WILLIAM	18	M	Farmer	New York
"	MARIAH	19	F		New York
"	ELISHA	59	M	Farmer	New York

NOTE: This is James K. Beach, b. May 25, 1801; d. May 19, 1882, at Pharsalia, Chenango County; m.c. 1827, Weltha A. White, b.c. 1809 at Stonington, New London County, Connecticut. See the item on this family we published in Vol. V, No. 2, pp. 671-672, which identifies their children as (i) Orange Austin, b.c. 1828; (ii) Melinda L., b.c. 1829; (iii) Pamela M., b.c. 1830; (iv) William J., b.c. 1832; and (v) Sybel A., b.c. 1837. We were previously unaware, however, of an ELISHA BEACH being connected with this family. He is not old enough to be the father of JAMES, but could be his brother. Any information which might assist in establishing the ancestry of this family would be appreciated.

LYMON BEACH, *Chenango County, Greene, pp. 345-346, Dwelling No. 495, Family No. 527*

BEACH,	LYMON	55	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	ZUBIA	49	F		Connecticut
"	DERIAS	24	M	Ropemaker	New York
"	JEWETT	19	M		Massachusetts
"	AMELIA	10	F		New York
"	AMUNITA(?) ANN	3	F		New York

NOTE: One wonders if this might be Lyman Beach⁷, Enos⁶, Abner⁵, Samuel⁴, Zophar³, John², Thomas¹, b. Apr 2, 1796, about whom nothing further is presently known. Note that Lyman⁷ had a sister Almeda, of which AMELIA above might be a variant.

MALINDA BEACH, *Chenango County, New Berlin, Page 163, Dwelling No. 342, Family No. 345*

Sage,	William	36	M	Farmer	New York
Sage,	Caroline	34	F		New York

BEACH,	MALINDA	22	F		New York

NOTE: We wonder if this could be Malinda Niles, b. Dec 5, 1824, at Coventry, Chenango County, New York; m. Mar 14, 1844, as his second wife, Gordon Mansfield Beach⁷, Richard Masnfield⁶ Timothy⁵, Joseph⁴, Ephriam³, Nathaniel², John¹. Our understanding, however, is that Gordon

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Mansfield Beach⁷ was living at Delaware County, New York, in the late 1840s-early 1850s. Did his wife return to Chenango County to visit family or is this an entirely different woman?

MARY E. BEACH(?), *Chenango County, New Berlin, Page 155, Dwelling No. 215, Family No. 217*

Buch,	William, Jr.	39	M	Farmer	New York
Buch,	Lavina	43	F		New York
Buch,	Wm.	12	M		New York
Buche(?),	George A.	8	M		New York
BEACH(?),	MARY E.	10	F		New York
BEACH(?),	FANNY A.	4	F		New York
BEACH(?),	FEDORA A.	2	F		New York

NOTE: The various indices we have seen for the 1850 Census for New York all list a Mary E. Beach as appearing at p. 155, New Berlin Township. Looking at the actual census roll, however, one finds this to be a 10 year old girl living with others in a family whose last name appears to be Buch or Buche, but might also be read as Beach or Beech. The elder William, Lavina and younger William are at the bottom of the preceding page and the last name of each seems fairly clear. At the top of the following page, however, the last name of George appears to be spelled Buche, while that of Mary and the younger girls who follow can be read as either Beach or Beech. If the family's name is truly Beach, one wonders if WILLIAM is the son of WILLIAM BEACH of Sherburne, Chenango County (hence the "Jr.")?

WILLIAM (WM.) BEACH, *Chenango County, Sherburne, Page 258, Dwelling No. 1783, Family No. 1899*

BEACH,	WM.	68	M	Farmer	Massachusetts
"	POLLY	67	F		Connecticut

NOTE: As a preliminary matter, we believe this man to be the father of both ALANSON and AMOS BEACH of Sherburne above. For example, both WILLIAM and ALANSON were born in Massachusetts; both ALANSON and AMOS were blacksmiths; and all three lived in reasonably close proximity. Second, this couple's names, ages and WILLIAM's birth in Massachusetts all suggest they are the William Beach and Polly Post who married Sep 3, 1805, at New Ashford, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. But note: We previously believed the husband of Polly Post was William⁵, Hezekiah⁴, Caleb³, Thomas², John¹ whom the *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. II, No. 2, p. 118, claims died at New Ashford in 1830, whereas WILLIAM above was obviously still living in 1850. The same source also suggests William⁵ had a son John⁶ born in 1790, in which case he would have been born c. 1765-70, whereas WILLIAM above was born c. 1782. All of this leads us to conclude that Polly Post was not the wife of William⁵ but of a different, later William, i.e., the man above. We still suspect this WILLIAM is related in some fashion to the New Ashford descendants of Caleb³, but so far cannot determine the exact connection. Any additional information which might shed light on this/these families would be appreciated.

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Abstracted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.

Introduction

There is a tendency among some genealogists to treat census records as presumptively more reliable than other types of evidence. As will be seen below, however, such deference is not necessarily warranted. Thus, while the 1850 Census for New Hampshire contains only a handful of Beach families (and one of them is questionable), it manages to include *two* different families who likewise appear on the 1850 censuses for other states. Moreover, a comparison of these dual census entries shows several inexplicable differences in age (one as much as 4 years!). This underscores the important lesson that census data - while valuable - is not infallible. It was, after all, compiled by part-time government employees, travelling by horse or on foot, asking questions of folks who may or may not have been literate, and recording their responses with quill pens. Even under the best of circumstances the possibilities for error must have been considerable and this should be kept in mind whenever census data seems to conflict with what other records show.

ANN M. BEACH, *Carroll County, Freedom, Page 80, Dwelling No. 45, Family No. 47*

Hasennt(?),	William	57	M	Shoemaker & Tack	Maine(?)
Hasennt(?),	Louisa	38	F		New Hampshire

BEACH,	ANN M.	22	F		Massachusetts

AURA J. BEACH, *Merrimack County, Pittsfield, Pages 188-189, Dwelling No. 1408, Family No. 1541*

Wells,	Moses H.	36	M	Clergyman/Cong.	New Hampshire
Wells,	Ann R.	34	F		New Hampshire

BEACH,	AURA J.	16	F		New Hampshire

CONTENT BEACH, *Strafford County, Somersworth, Page 135, Dwelling No. 146, Family No. 159*

BEACH,	CONTENT	70	F		Connecticut
"	LAURA	32	F		Connecticut
"	KATHERINE	28	F		Connecticut

NOTE: This is Content (Hall) Beach, wife of Samuel⁶, Samuel⁵, Abel⁴, Benjamin³, Azariah², Richard¹, together with her daughters Laura⁷ and Katherine⁷. She evidently followed her son Lurandus Beach⁷ to New Hampshire after her husband's death. See: LAURANDAS BEACH below.

EMILY C. BEACH, *Carroll County, Sandwich, Page 240, Dwelling No. 265, Family No. 299*

Wiggins,	Samuel	70	M	Farmer	New Hampshire
Wiggins,	Nancy	69	F		New Hampshire
Wiggins,	Samuel D.	29	M	Student	New Hampshire
Wiggins,	Mehitable W.	32	F		New Hampshire
Wiggins,	Charles A.	4	M		New Hampshire
BEACH,	EMILY C.	31	F		New Hampshire
"	SAMUEL	7	M		Ohio
"	CLIFTON	4	M		Ohio
"	MARY J.	2	F		Ohio

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NOTE: This is Emily C. (Wiggins) Beach, second wife of Israel B. Beach⁷, Samuel N.⁶, Nathaniel⁵, Benjamin⁴, Thomas³, Azariah², Richard¹, together with her step-son, SAMUEL⁸, and children CLIFTON⁸ and MARY J.⁸ Of interest is the fact this same family also appears on the 1850 Census for Sharon, Medina County, Ohio, as follows:

S. W. BEACH, *Medina County, Sharon, Dwelling No. 649, Family No. 151*

BEACH,	ISRAEL B.	44	M	Physician	Vermont
"	EMILY	32	F		New Hampshire
"	MARTHA	14	F		New Hampshire
"	ELIZABETH	8	F		Ohio
"	SAMUEL	7	M		Ohio
"	CLIFTON	5	M		Ohio
"	MARY J.	3	F		Ohio

Since the Ohio census roll is dated Jul 19, 1850, while that of New Hampshire is dated Aug 31, 1850, we assume EMILY took a trip back east in late July/early August to visit her parents, Samuel and Nancy Wiggins. In the process she and MARY J. somehow "lost" a year in age, while son CLIFTON gained a year.

LAURANDAS BEACH, *Strafford County, Dover, Page 71, Dwelling No. 754, Family No. 1109*

BEACH,	LAURANDAS	46	M	Soap Maker	Connecticut
"	HARRIET	46	F		Connecticut
"	JAMES	16	M		New Hampshire
Rickin(?),	William H.	18	M	Soap Maker	New Hampshire

NOTE: This is Lurandus Beach⁷, Samuel⁶, Samuel⁵, Abel⁴, Benjamin³, Azariah², Richard¹, m. Harriet Burr. The couple had two other sons, i.e., Lurandus, Jr.⁸, b. Nov 4, 1832, and Burr⁸, b. 1839; d. at age 23. Elmer T. Beach, *Beach In America*, pp. 115-115, says that Lurandus⁷ eventually settled in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he became involved in the Underground Railroad, helping escaped slaves flee to Canada. Son James⁸ later moved west to Debuque, Iowa, where he and his sons likewise engaged in soap manufacture. *See also:* the entry for this man's mother, CONTENT BEACH above.

LAWRENCE C. BEACH, *Coos County, Stratford, Page 125, Dwelling No. 17, Family No. 17*

BEACH,	LAWRENCE C.	48	M	Farmer	Connecticut
"	ADALINE	42	F		Connecticut
"	HENRY	9	M		New Hampshire
"	ELI	7	M		New Hampshire
"	LUCY	4	F		New Hampshire
Round,	Julia	16	F		New Hampshire

NOTE: This is Lawrence Clinton Beach⁷, Thomas⁶, Nathaniel⁵, Benjamin⁴, Thomas³, Azariah², Richard¹, b.c. 1800 at North Haven, Connecticut; m. Lucy Adeline Brockett, daughter of Eli Brockett. This family likewise appears on the 1850 Census for North Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut, as follows:

LAWRENCE C. BEACH, *New Haven County, North Haven, Page 247, Dwelling No. 258, Family No. 274*

BEACH,	LAWRENCE C.	50	M	Laborer	Connecticut
"	ADELINE	38	F		Connecticut
"	HENRY	10	M		New Hampshire
"	ELLI	8	M		New Hampshire
"	LUCY	4	F		New Hampshire
"	CYRUS L.	20	M	Laborer	Connecticut

Rowel, Julia A.

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New Hampshire

See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. X, No. 1, p. 1427. Note the 2 year difference in the age of Lawrence; the 4 year difference in the age of Adaline/Adeline; and the 1 year differences in the ages of Henry and Eli/Elli. We suspect that Julia Round/Rowel was a "hired girl" and that the different spellings of her last name results from problems reading the old script. These two census entries also put to rest a claim by the *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. IV, No. 1, p. 342, that Lawrence Clinton Beach⁷ had both a daughter Lucy L.⁸ and a daughter Ella⁸; each of whom supposedly never married. Since no Ella appears on either census, we think it clear there was but one daughter whose full name was probably Lucy Ella.⁸

SAMUEL BEACHETT(?), *Cheshire County, Marlow, Page 370, Dwelling No. 65, Family No. 78*

BEACHETT(?),	SAMUEL	47	M	Farmer	Massachusetts
"	ESTHER	44	F		Massachusetts
"	SAPHRONIA	22	F		Massachusetts
"	CALISTA	18	F		Massachusetts
"	TRUMAN	14	M		Massachusetts
"	RASIUA	7	F		Massachusetts
"	SILAS	3	M		Massachusetts

NOTE: At least one index calls this man "Samuel H. Beach," but an examination of the actual census roll suggests that the supposed "H." is actually the suffix "ett" at the end of "Beach." Moreover, the entries for other families on the same page shows that, when an individual has a middle initial, the census taker consistently put it in between the first and last name; not at the end. This highlights a problem we have long struggled with, i.e., how to treat families such as Beachey, Beecher, Beacham, etc.; especially when some members eventually drop the suffix and become simply "Beach" or "Beech."

WILLIAM W. BEACH, *Rockingham County, Portsmouth, Page 64, Dwelling No. 717, Family No. 947*

Shepard,	Sarah F.	47	F		New Hampshire
BEACH,	WILL ^M . W.	25	M	Mason	New Hampshire
"	MARY E.	21	F		New Hampshire
"	JOHN L.	20	M	Carpenter	New Hampshire

ARTICLE

Who Was Avis Judd, The Second Wife Of JOHN BEACH⁵

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Avis Judd was born in 1773 and died June, 1844. On January 11, 1807, she married, as his second wife, John Beach⁵, Jacob⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹, See: *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. V, No. 1, pp. 626-628, for the family Bible from which such dates are taken. Six children were born of this union and their descendants form a sizable branch of the family of Thomas Beach¹, See,

e.g., *Beach Family Journal*, Vol. VI, No. 1, pp. 792-795, for descendants of Ebenezer Watson Beach⁶, John⁵. The identity and lineage of Avis Judd herself, however, has been something of a mystery since available Judd genealogies make no mention of a daughter named Avis born in 1773.

As experienced genealogists can attest, however, it often pays to "think outside the box," i.e., go back to the beginning and reexamine one's assumptions. In this case, for example, subscriber and descendant Dave Swanson had the insight to ask whether Avis might have been a widow at the time of her marriage to John Beach⁵, such that her maiden name was not Judd at all? In an effort to test this hypothesis he proceeded to analyze and compare data from the 1800 and 1810 Censuses for Connecticut.

In 1800 John Beach⁵ was living at Norfolk, Connecticut, and still married to his first wife, Sarah (Burr) Beach. Combining data from the 1800 Census entry with what is known about that couple's children as of that time yields the following:

1 male under 10	(i.e., b. 1790-1800)	fits Heman W. ⁶ , b. 1792
1 male 10-16	(i.e., b. 1784-1790)	fits John ⁶ , b. 1786
1 male 16-26	(i.e., b. 1774-1784)	fits Salmon ⁶ , b. 1783
1 male 26-45	(i.e., b. 1755-1774)	fits John ⁵ , b. 1757
2 females under 10	(i.e., b. 1790-1800)	fits Lois ⁶ , b. 1794, and Rachel ⁶ , b. 1796
1 female 10-16	(i.e., b. 1784-1790)	fits Sally ⁶ , b. 1789
1 female 26-45	(i.e., b. 1755-1774)	fits Sarah (Burr) Beach, b. 1763

In other words, the 1800 Census accurately reflects the composition of the family as of that time, with no extra, unidentified children nor any known children missing from the various census categories.

By 1810, however, Sarah (Burr) Beach had died and John Beach⁵ had remarried Avis Judd. In this regard the 1810 Census for Norfolk shows the family of John Beach⁵ as follows:

4 males under 10	(i.e., b. 1800-1810)	fits Jacob ⁶ , b. 1805; Lucius ⁶ , b. 1807; James ⁶ , b. 1809; and one unidentified
1 male 10-16	(i.e., b. 1794-1800)	unidentified
1 male over 45	(i.e., b. before 1765)	fits John ⁵ , b. 1757
1 female under 10	(i.e., b. 1800-1810)	unidentified
1 female 16-26	(i.e., b. 1784-1794)	fits either Lois ⁶ , b. 1794, or Rachel ⁶ , b. 1796
1 female 26-46	(i.e., b. 1765-1784)	fits Avis (Judd) Beach, b. 1773

As can be seen, there are now three "unidentified" children in the household John Beach⁵ - two males and one female. Of particular interest is the unidentified male between 10 and 16 years of age, who likewise should have appeared on the 1800 census if he were a son of John Beach⁵. Under the circumstances it is reasonable to conclude such children were those of Avis Judd by a previous marriage, who came to live with their mother in the Beach household.

In this regard Mr. Swanson notes that an Avis Palmer, daughter of Simeon Palmer, is known to have married an Ezekiel Judd, by whom she had four sons and possibly a daughter. Unfortunately, it is not known when this Ezekiel Judd died nor whether his wife survived him,

such that it is premature to identify Avis (Palmer) Judd with the second wife of John Beach⁵. Perhaps more research will allow the issue to be settled with finality. For the moment we note two other "coincidences" which circumstantially supports Mr. Swanson's suspicions. As is well known, the family of John Beach⁵ eventually moved to Greene County, New York, and a search of that county's GenWeb site shows a sizable number of Judd family members located there also. Years later an Ezekiel Judd of Windham, Greene County, served in the 120th New York Infantry during the Civil War. He is too young to be a son of Avis Judd by any prior marriage, but he could well be a grandson. We also note that Lucius Beach⁶ - the first child of John and Avis (Judd) Beach - named his own firstborn daughter Julia P. Beach⁷. Could her full middle name have been Palmer, in honor of her paternal grandmother's maiden name? Any additional information on this interesting question would be welcome.

PASSINGS:

The following is taken from the Minneapolis/St. Paul *Star Tribune* for Wednesday, Feb 13, 2002
[Submitted by Ms. Marjorie Tarr, Northfield, Minnesota]:

**Dr. Northrop Beach Dies at 90:
Was Pediatrician**

By Kavita Kumar
Star Tribune Staff Writer

Dr. Northrop Beach, a Twin Cities pediatrician for about 40 years and a prominent community member, died Sunday of cancer at a retirement community in Minneapolis. He was 90.

The son of a notable Minneapolis family connected to the University of Minnesota, where his grandfather Cyrus Northrup was the second president, Beach was notable in his own right.

"None of us could go out to dinner without him running into a patient - we couldn't go to a movie or anything," said his son Joseph Beach of Edina. "He was like a star in a way."

He was born in Minneapolis to Elizabeth Northrop, the daughter of Cyrus Northrup, and Joseph Warren Beach, a well-known poet, author, professor and longtime chairman of the English Department at the University of Minnesota.

He spent part of his childhood in Switzerland and France, where he developed a passion for French culture, literature and language that stayed with him the rest of his life.

He studied at Harvard University and graduated from its medical school in 1938. He was one of the first doctors at Nicollet Clinic (later Park Nicollet Clinic) when it was a fledgling operation at 10th St. and Nicolett Av. in Minneapolis.

Those were the days when doctors still made house calls, sometimes attending to patients in the middle of the night.

"And he had a little black medical bag," Joseph Beach said. "But it wasn't a buggy - it was a car - but it's that same idea."

Beach took on the hard cases some doctors didn't want, such as abused children, his son said.

He was also an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School for many years.

He was accomplished in his field, a world traveler who ventured to Guatemala and parts of Africa and Asia, an avid amateur bird watcher who loved the chickadee, cardinal and all Minnesota birds except for crows, and an [sic] devoted reader. He nevertheless remained grounded and humble.

"He was a man that he would walk into a room - but did not take control of the room - and he would talk to someone in that room and it didn't matter who they were. He would find a common denominator of interest," Joseph Beach said.

"He was interested in humanity at large... and felt very deeply it was our obligation to be socially responsible."

Other survivors include his wife, Myrtle of Minneapolis, sons Norris of St. Louis and Christopher of Irvine, Calif.; daughter Cecilia of Belmont, N.Y., and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, 900 Mt. Curve Av.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We previously knew of this family from the short item we published in Vol. V, No. 2, p. 690, involving the marriage of Joseph Warren Beach to Elizabeth Northrup. Unfortunately, we still do not know the ancestry of Joseph Warren Beach himself.

The following is taken from the *Detroit Free Press*, March 25, 2002, p. 3B [Submitted by Eugene H. Beach, Jr.]:

BEACH

FLORENCE N. of Portage, MI, died March 23, 2002. She was the daughter of William (Effie) Norton and is survived by five children and nine grandchildren; a brother; and sister-in-law. There will be private interment in Roseland Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Langeland Chapel, in Portage, MI.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

More On Roswell Beach⁶

In Vol I, No. 3, pp. 43-44, we presented some news clippings and grave inscriptions concerning the family of Roswell Beach⁶, Obil⁵, Amos⁴, John³, John², Thomas¹ of Jefferson County, Iowa. The *Beach Family Magazine*, Vol. II, No. 4, p. 193, gives him only two daughters, Harriet⁷ and Susan/Susannah⁷, both of whom appear in his household on the 1850 Census for Brown, Franklin County, Ohio. The clippings we published, however, show he had another daughter, Jedidah Beach⁷, who married Albert Howard. Since the obituary of Jedidah Beach⁷ makes reference to "Mr. Beach, with his three daughters" coming to Iowa, we assumed

this list of children was complete. Thanks to email correspondent James Fulton, fultonsandy@qwest.net, however, we now realize the family of Roswell⁶ was even larger still.

Mr. Fulton descends from a Hannah Beach, b. Sep 8, 1822; d. Nov 25, 1893 at Pomona, California; m. Mar 16, 1843, at Madison County, Ohio, William Fulton, b. Sep 2, 1819; d. Aug 26, 1849. The couple had three children, i.e., Moses Fulton, b. Jan 26, 1844; d. Aug 23, 1849; Marilla Fulton, b. Apr 19, 1846; d. Jan 10, 1891; and William Kilbourne Fulton, b. Sep 4, 1849 [i.e., within days of both his father's and older brother's death]. Based on a variety of evidence it is Mr. Fulton's belief that Hannah (Beach) Fulton is another, previously unknown daughter of Roswell Beach⁶. For example, Hannah (Beach) Fulton and her two surviving children are said to have stayed with Roswell Beach⁶ after the death of William Fulton in 1849 and later accompanied the Beach family to Iowa. It is also significant that the middle name of Hannah's youngest son is the same as the maiden name of Roswell Beach's mother, Elizabeth (Kilbourne) Beach.

Mr. Fulton has also provided us a copy of a family group sheet for Roswell Beach⁶ on file in the Jefferson County, Iowa, public library. Prepared by one C. R. Howard, Jr. of Canyon, Texas - presumably a descendant of Jedidah (Beach⁷) Howard - this claims that Roswell Beach⁶ had a total of seven children, i.e., (i) Hannah Beach⁷, above; (ii) Ezekiel Beach⁷, b. Aug 25, 1823; (iii) Nathan Beach⁷, b. Oct 16, 1825; d. Dec 6, 1826; (iv) Harriet Beach⁷, b. Dec 15, 1827; d. March 22, 1856; m. ----- Burns; (v) Jedidah Beach⁷, b. Jun 6, 1829; d. Dec 30, 1900; m. 1st, E. L. Howard; m. 2nd, Albert Howard; (vi) Benjamin Beach⁷, b. Oct 5, 1831; d. Sep 9, 1832; and (vii) Susan Beach⁷, b. Sep 11, 1835; d. May 3, 1906; m. Mar 25, 1852, Alford Hibbard. Among the references cited for this data is a Howard family Bible and "Vol. 7, Jefferson Co. Records, page 274."

We were at first somewhat skeptical about these other children - especially the three sons - until we looked through our copy of Alma Lewis James, *The Ancestry and Posterity of Obil Beach*; a work we have yet to fully abstract for our files. Sure enough, at pp. 309-310 is a brief account of Roswell Beach⁶ which gives his children as Harriet, Ezekiel, Hannah, Jedida and Susannah [N.B. - the lack of any mention of Nathan or Benjamin is undoubtedly due to their deaths in infancy]. We are accordingly grateful to Mr. Fulton for prompting us to revisit this family and bring our records up to date.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Subscriber Mark S. Andrew, who descends from a Nathan Beach, b. Canada, advises he is moving across the Atlantic to Holland. His new address is: Mark S. Andrew, Wagenaarweg, 2597 LP Den Haag, The Netherlands.

Subscriber John M. Pauter, who descends from Stephen Beach⁶, Enos⁵, Enos⁴, Nathan³, Thomas², John¹, now has a new email address. He may be reached at Pauter@cox.net.

GIVE US YOUR OPINION!

We dispense with our usual "Various and Sundry" items this time to instead ask for your opinion as to whether we should continue our "1850 Census Project."

Back when we first began this feature in 1993, checking a census usually meant visiting a local library or LDS Family Research Center to view a grainy roll of microfilm. Over the past several years, however, such data has become increasingly easier to find on the Web. Commercial sites such as Ancestry.com give full access to online census images (albeit for a yearly subscription fee) and transcripts of various census records can be found for free on many county GenWeb sites. Moreover, most of these sites have built-in search engines or can be readily searched using the "find" command in one's web browser. Under the circumstances it can be argued that our own publication of census data "reinvents the wheel" and takes up space which might be better used presenting other, less widely available information.

There are, of course, arguments on the other side as well. While access to the web continues to grow, it is not yet universal, either among the public at large or our own subscribers. Perhaps more important, we like to think the notes which accompany many of the census entries we publish add "extra value" to the raw data, e.g., the lineage of the family (when known); additional spouses or children not mentioned in the census record; cross-references to other sources of information; etc. Last but not least, preparing our own census abstracts and/or editing those submitted by others seems to impose a salutary discipline on our genealogical efforts as a whole. There have been countless times, for example, when we have come across an entry which rekindles our interest in a particular line, stimulating additional research which in turn leads to new discoveries. For all such reasons our own preference would be to continue with this feature. As we have stated many times in the past, however, we view the *Journal* as being *your* publication as much or more than it is ours, such that we will follow whatever course you feel is best.

Please give this issue some thought over the next several months. Then, when the time comes to renew your subscription, drop us a short note letting us know your opinion. If the consensus is to discontinue the feature, we will phase it out gradually so that contributors still abstracting data can finish their work and see it published.

Look for the final issue for the year sometime in late October/early November, along with our annual index and directory.